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'Easy, easy' as Maclennan savours moment of victory

SDP civil war rages in wake of merger vote

By Robin Oakley and Martin Fletcher

Social Democrats yesterday voted decisively in favour of merger with the Liberals, but now face the prospect of years of warfare with Dr David Owen's breakaway SDP.

After a highly emotional and frequently bitter debate at the weekend conference in Sheffield, both sides claimed moral victory from a vote of 273 in favour of union, 28 against, and 49 abstentions.

The mergerites led by Mrs Shirley Williams and Mr Robert Maclennan, the party's president and leader, said the vote was an overwhelming endorsement for merger.

But the Owenites, who had advised their supporters not to participate, claimed that only 57 per cent of the 480-odd eligible to vote had supported merger, and that the great bulk of the 170 who abstained, voted against or did nothing were opposed.

Supporters of the merger chanted "Easy, easy" as the result was announced; but Mr John Cartwright, Dr Owen's closest ally, insisted that his side could have blocked the merger if it had wanted to. The mergerites had boosted their vote by 50 through desperate last-minute telephoning of stay-away members. "They obviously felt the need for the Seventh Cavalry", Mr Cartwright said.

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Whoever "won", the indisputable outcome is that there will be two new separate parties in the political centre, and both sides will be fighting for the support of the SDP's 50,000 members until the ballot of the full party membership in March. Dr Owen said yesterday that he would end up with a clear majority, a claim derided by his opponents.

There is also likely to be confrontation over the Owenites' intention to go on using the SDP logo and their claim to a proportion of the area parties' assets. Most importantly, there is the distinct prospect of the two parties fielding candidates against each other in national and local elections.

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, slow-handclapped by the Owenites and given a standing ovation by the mergerites, predicted in his speech yesterday that "within a year attacks on the new party will have become the major political stock-in-trade of the schismatic party, eclipsing attacks on the Conservative party and very likely on the Labour party too".

In the face of repeated refusals by the mergerites and Liberals to consider any form of electoral pact — except possibly to give a free run to the three anti-merger SDP MPs — Dr Owen said: "There will be a trial of strength, I have no doubt about that, for a while."

His party wanted to co-operate, but while it would not provoke a fight, it would not shirk one and would field candidates in every seat at the next election if necessary. "We are not going to be pushed out and forced not to stand just because they stand."

However Mr Maclennan scoffed at the idea that the Owenite party was capable of fielding that many candidates. "We shall field candidates throughout the country. I don't expect David Owen will be in any position to do that", he said. He added that Dr Owen should "take a long holiday, think about it very carefully, and reconsider his position". He was "a considerable political force but not in himself a political party".

Mr Alec McGivan, the former SDP official now running Mr David Steel's office, said Dr Owen was "a big fish in what some might describe as little more than a puddle".

The final day of the final conference of the SDP as created in 1981 was marked alternately by furious attacks on the Owenites and expressions of sadness and regret at the division. Dr Owen himself made no appearance in the hall.

Lord Jenkins, the former party leader, condemned Dr Owen's conduct in deriding the Liberals with whom he had fought the election, and said the alternative to a united radical centre centre party was "pathetic chaos".

He urged Social Democrats to accept political realities and seize an historic moment that would otherwise be lost for a generation.

Mr Cartwright ridiculed the idea of joining a party "whose leaders endorsed one set of policies on one day and with equal enthusiams five days later endorsed a totally different set of policies". He ended by warning that the credibility of the centre ground of British politics could never be restored "by bickering like spiteful, mean, petty children" and appealed for tolerance and mutual respect.

Mrs Shirley Williams, who on Saturday also delivered a scathing attack on Dr Owen,



Mr David Steel: Going forward with enthusiasm.

ended the debate by thanking him, Mr Cartwright, Mrs Rosie Barnes and the other anti-merger members for their immense contribution over the past seven years. She hoped that at some future date they could again join together "in a single great enterprise". She hailed the result as "a day of victory".

Mr Steel, who was not at the conference, warmly welcomed the "overwhelming vote" which meant "both parties can now go forward together not just with confidence but with enthusiasm".

Mr Charles Kennedy, the other SDP MP in favour of merger, said the vote gave the party "the first breath of fresh air we have got into our lungs since the general election. It's a great day."



Moment of triumph: Mr Maclennan shows the tension, while colleagues on the platform leap in celebration at the announcement of the merger vote result (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Medical channel gets the go-ahead

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

A world first in television broadcasting, involving the BBC transmitting potentially life-saving medical information to doctors' surgeries and hospitals during night hours, has been given the go-ahead by the Government.

The two-year experiment, which will get underway towards the end of 1988 and should make the BBC £500,000 a year, will be formally announced on Wednesday to coincide with the opening of British Post-Graduate Medical Federation offices in London by the Princess Royal.

Hour-long programmes, containing a 15-minute medical news summary and specialist clinical information, will be transmitted seven days a week to video recorders by BBC 2 when it is normally off the air — between midnight and 5 am.

The scrambled broadcasts will be decoded by a special "black box" supplied to subscribers, who will pay £40 a year rent.

Programmes will be made by British Direct Television, a Woking-based firm which has been producing videos for the medical profession for several years. They will be supervised on a day-to-day basis by doctors and specialists.

Overall ethical control will be maintained by a board of governors consisting of members of the Royal College of General Practitioners, the Royal College of Physicians, the Committee on Safety of Medicines, the British Post-Graduate Medical Federation, and the British Medical Association, together with representatives from the DHSS.

Apart from providing medical information and details on the latest techniques, programmes will also alert GPs and consultants to the latest medical emergencies and scares, such as adverse reactions to new drugs or new strains of disease which are hard to identify.

Mr Michael Checkland, the director-general of the BBC, sought permission last October to go ahead with the "down-loading" proposals. Part of the delay has been caused by the DHSS seeking reassurance over adequate control of the information going into programmes.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, and Mr Tim Renton, the broadcasting Minister, have been enthusiastic supporters of the idea and believe it opens new fields for the BBC. Mr Hurd formally gave his blessing late last week and informed the Corporation.

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£16,000 winner

● The £16,000 weekly prize in the Times Portfolio Gold competition — double the usual amount as there was no winner the previous week — was won on Saturday by a Middlesex reader. There was no winner of the daily prize. Details, page 3.

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Body of newspaper boy found

By Craig Seton

A man will appear before magistrates at Hereford this morning accused of the abduction and murder of missing paper boy Stuart Gough, aged 14, whose body was found yesterday.

Mr Victor Glendford Miller, aged 32, a computer operator, of 27 Lennox Gardens, Pennfields, Wolverhampton, was charged by West Mercia Police last night.

Stuart's body was found by police at 1 am yesterday in a lovers' lane known as Cuckoo Pen, close to the village of Bromsberrow, Gloucestershire. The wooded, remote area was quickly cordoned off and Stuart's body was taken away for a post-mortem examination.

Stuart had disappeared exactly two weeks earlier on January 17, half-way through his regular Sunday morning paper round in the village of Hagley, Hereford and Worcester, 30 miles from where his body was found.

Chief Superintendent Anthony Warren said yesterday that Stuart's body had been found "as a result of information received".

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Power 'will cost more'

Electricity is likely to cost more if the Government breaks up the Central Electricity Generating Board into competing companies for privatization, the CEGB's four independent non-executive directors claim.

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City job cuts

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Ford talks late to stop strike

By John Spicer

Leaders of Ford's 32,000 production workers and management representatives were involved in negotiationslate last night in an effort to avert a strike which was due to begin at midnight.

The unions had asked for the meeting after rejecting a new management offer on Thursday night. Fords had almost doubled their original offer which meant rises of £13 a week in the first year and guaranteed increases of two per cent over the rate of inflation in the second and third years.

Fordunions had rejected the company's original offer of 6.5 per cent and were supported in a ballot by their members with a huge majority.

It is understood that once details of the new offer were made known throughout Ford plants on Friday, the workers insisted that their union leaders went back to management for more talks.

Both unions and management were optimistic as talks began last night that a deal could be worked out and that today's national strike will be called off.

Breakaway union challenges strike by pit safety staff

By Roland Rudd

Members of the pit supervisors' union whose one-day strike over pay threatens to halt all coal-face production today are being challenged not from British Coal, but from the 28,000 members of the Nottinghamshire-based Union of Democratic Miners.

The UDM president, Mr Roy Lynk, said yesterday: "We are going to challenge the pit deputies' monopoly on maintenance work. I am not prepared to see my members lose pay because of Nacods action which we condemn. We are telling all our members to turn up for work as normal."

British Coal chiefs, shocked by the suddeness of the attempt by the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Shotfirers and Deputies (Nacods) to plunge the industry into a crisis, accused the union and their general secretary, Mr Peter McNestry, of forming "an unholy alliance" with Mr Arthur Scargill, the National Union of Mineworkers leader. Mr Scargill plans to urge his national delegate conference tomorrow to escalate the overtime ban against British Coal's disciplinary code.

Pit supervisors decided to strike after they had been offered up to £12 a week more by British Coal on their basic pay of up to £250 a week, less than half the £25 weekly increase they had sought.

The traditionally moderate pit supervisors, who at present are the only workers allowed to carry out essential safety work under the Mines and Quarries Act, intended to bring the coal industry to a complete sandstill today. If that happens despite the UDM intervention, it will be the first total halt in production since 1974.

British Coal yesterday said that mineworkers prevented from working will not be paid

Mr Trevor Bell, general secretary of the white-collar section of the NUM, has ordered his members "not to do any jobs normally carried out by Nacods except to preserve the safety of the mines".

3am swoop on London flat

Helicopter escaper caught

By Howard Foster and Stewart Tendler

John Kendall, the prisoner who was recaptured by armed police early yesterday 40 days after his escape by helicopter from a maximum security prison, was being held under tight security last night.

Kendall, aged 36, serving eight years for burglary, was one of three people surrounded in a one-bedroom flat in Chelsea, London, by officers carrying rifles, handguns and searchlights who broke down the door while the occupants — Kendall and an unnamed man and a woman — slept.

They were led away — both men dressed only in their underpants — to police cars for questioning first in London and later in Leicestershire.

Kendall had escaped on December 10 from Gartree Prison in the county with another inmate, Sidney Draper, a murderer aged 39, who is still free.

The spectacular method used by Kendall and Draper to escape from Gartree, using a civilian helicopter hijacked by an accomplice to pick them up from the prison football pitch and then fly them to a waiting car four miles away, received much publicity when it happened.

Since the airborne break, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has ordered a tightening up of security at prisons, including wires to prevent the approach of helicopters at some jails.

Leicestershire police said last night that it was impossible to say whether Kendall would be returned to Gartree.

Kendall and Draper had escaped partly because they knew exactly when they would be out in the open for their daily exercise period. Times and predictability had now been changed.

Police in London were yesterday reluctant to say how they managed to trace Kendall.

"These arrests follow extensive inquiries in the Leicestershire area," Scotland Yard said.

It is understood that surveillance of Kendall's known associates in London led the investigating detectives towards Chelsea.

Their suspicions that Kendall was living at a turn-of-the-century block of flats on the

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Historic world chess triumph for British pair

Nigel Short and Jon Speelman made history on Saturday night when they became the first British players to reach the quarter finals of the world championship.

No other nation apart from the Soviet Union will have more than one player in the quarter finals and the two Britons' success in St John, Newfoundland, has brought admiration from around the world.

Speelman wiped out the former US champion Yasser Seirawan after many experts predicted that the American would win and Short drew against Gyula Sax, the Hungarian grandmaster, to ensure qualification.

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Disaster ferry captain to get golden handshake

By David Sapsted

Captain David Lewry, held personally responsible by the official inquiry into the Zeebrugge ferry disaster for the loss of 193 lives, is to get a five-figure "golden handshake" from P & O European Ferries to leave the company quietly.

Relatives of those who died aboard the Herald of Free Enterprise were infuriated when they heard of the move last night. The vice-chairman of the Herald Families Association, Mr Alan Reynolds, branded the deal as an insult to the victims of the tragedy.

A spokesman for P & O, successor company to Townsend Thoresen, refused to confirm that Captain Lewry stood to gain £20,000-plus — roughly equivalent to his year's salary as a ferry captain — from leaving the company. He acknowledged, however, that internal disciplinary proceedings against the captain had been dropped. "In no circumstances do we discuss matters relating to personnel," he said.

However, *The Times* has learnt that the deal for Captain Lewry's resignation includes acceptance by him of a binding clause to prevent him speaking about the events leading up to the capsize of the Herald on March 6 last year and the safety systems being operated by the company.

Captain Lewry's solicitors and P & O European Ferries are still negotiating the exact terms of the deal.

The official inquiry into the Zeebrugge disaster, headed by Mr Justice Sheen, suspended Captain Lewry's Certificate of Competency for a year. He had been "seriously negligent", according to the inquiry's report. "Captain Lewry took the Herald to sea with the bow doors fully open. It follows that Captain Lewry must accept personal responsibility for the loss of his ship," it said.

Captain Lewry, who lives in Sandwich and who was unavailable for comment yesterday, lost a High Court appeal against the suspension of his certificate. His solicitors threatened to take the matter to the House of Lords but, at the start of this year, they decided not to proceed with the application and, in return, P & O European Ferries dropped the disciplinary hearing.

Since the disaster, Captain Lewry has either been on sick leave or suspended on full pay. The merchant officers' union, Numast, has been pressing for his reinstatement as a serving master.

Mr Reynolds, whose son Jonathan died in the disaster, said yesterday: "We know as an association that the company was at fault for operating a system that was unsafe. However, the captain of each ship has a primary responsibility for ensuring the safety of the lives of his passengers and crew.

"This did not happen on March 6 and it chokes one a little to think that Captain Lewry's punishment involves leaving the company with a golden handshake. If the amount agreed is £20,000, it works out to about £100 a life for those killed — that is an insult."

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British tank quits Nato battle test

Britain's new Challenger battle tank has been withdrawn from a Nato competition because of embarrassment over its poor gunnery record. The decision has been made by Army chiefs because Challenger came last in the 1987 biennial Canadian Army trophy competition.

The British tank could not match the marksmanship of the American M1 Abrams or the West German Leopard 2, although the British Army insisted that Challenger is unmatched for mobility – it can reach 35 mph on road surfaces. The pullout has come at a particularly embarrassing time since British defence ministers are considering whether to approve the spending of £1 billion to buy 500 more Challengers to replace the remaining ageing Chieftain tanks.

Bradford payout

The first compensation payouts have been made to survivors of the Bradford City football ground fire, after a long legal dispute.

More than 40 people who escaped the fire at the Valley Parade ground have been awarded up to £40,000 each.

At least another 100 victims of the fire are expected to receive cheques from Bradford City Football Club's insurance company and West Yorkshire Fire Authority, once the full effects of their injuries are determined.

Suspect is freed

A West Belfast man who claimed he was beaten by RUC detectives at Castlereagh holding centre, has been released without charge.

Brian Gillen, aged 31, was arrested on Wednesday in connection with the grenade killing on Monday of an RUC constable.

He appeared before the High Court in Belfast at the weekend, claiming that he suffered a perforated ear drum and other injuries while being questioned.

Fire attack on court

An anarchist group claimed reponsibility yesterday for a fire at a magistrates court in Essex.

Telephone calls to Essex police and the BBC, by someone claiming to represent the Angry Brigade, said that the group had started the blaze at the Epping court early yesterday. Essex police said the fire caused extensive damage to the ground floor.

The original Angry Brigade grew from the militant student movement of the Sixties. It was formed by a group of students from Essex University and sought to mirror the politics of similar extremist groups on the Continent. It was thought to have been wound up when its founders were given long jail sentences.

Sex abuse figures

An assessment of child sexual abuse published today provides support for the doctors at the centre of the Cleveland inquiry.

Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt were accused of finding abuse where none existed.

Professor Jean La Fontaine, of the London School of Economics, said her best estimate was that one in 10 children were subjected to abuse "involving physical contact". There was good reason to believe that a prevalence rate based on reported cases would always underestimate the figures.

Murder charges

Colin Munn, aged 27, was charged last night with murdering two young brothers and attempting to murder their mother. He will appear before the town's magistrates today.

The bodies of Matthew Knight, aged six, and his brother Ryan, aged four, were found by police in a bedroom at their home in Runley Road, Luton, Bedfordshire on Saturday.

Their mother, Mrs Jennifer Knight, was in a stable condition in Luton and Dunstable Hospital last night. All three had suffered severe head injuries.

Special Branch alert

Scotland Yard refused yesterday to comment on reports that security had been stepped up for Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, in the light of the Stalker report.

Special Branch protection for a number of senior ministers has been in operation for some time. Sir Patrick's predecessor, Sir Michael Havers, was protected after his home in south London was bombed some years ago.

A general alert is likely after a week in which the Government made its controversial decision on the Stalker report and the Court of Appeal turned down appeal by the men convicted for the Birmingham bombings. There is speculation in Ireland that the IRA could seize on current anti-British feeling to mount an attack.

Labour councils told to sabotage poll tax plans

By David Walker
Public Administration Correspondent

Labour councillors were yesterday urged to "put a spanner in the works" to frustrate government policy on the community charge, educational testing and community care.

Mr David Blunkett, Labour MP for Sheffield Brightside, former leader of the city's council and the party's parliamentary spokesman on municipal affairs, told the local government conference of the Labour Party in Edinburgh they had to persuade the public not to blame Labour councillors for government policies.

With the community charge, or poll tax, where a grass-roots campaign originating in Scotland has adopted the slogan "Can't pay, won't pay", Mr Blunkett said: "We have to take action that puts a spanner in the workings".

He said government policies to move patients out of hospitals into community care should be resisted, because there were insufficient resources.

Mr Blunkett's remarks came only 48 hours after Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, had warned the conference against breaking the law over the introduction of the community charge.

Mr Jack Cunningham, shadow Environment Secretary, told speakers who had urged a campaign of popular resistance against the tax: "Any idea of illegality is not consistent with the position of a democratic socialist party".

Labour councillors will have to decide their position on the poll tax very quickly as decisions are now imminent on manpower and resources needed to prepare the poll tax register in time for its introduction in April 1990 in England and Wales.

The poll tax would destroy the "very ethic" of Labour in local government by preventing it redistributing income and services from the better off to the less well off, according to Miss Patricia Hollis, leader of Norwich council.

Mr Jack Straw, the party's education spokesman, said: "We may lose a battle, but, because we face a Government that has abandoned the idea of fairness in taxation, we will win the war."

During the weekend conference Labour leaders were united in urging councillors to stay in office, however frustrated they were by government restrictions. Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader, said: "Bill after Bill is forced through the House of Commons to force freely elected Labour councils to abandon the policies on which they were elected and implement the ideas of Conservative Central Office. Is it worth carrying on?"

Mr Hattersley said the answer was yes. Labour councillors had to prove that Labour administration worked even in adversity. He accused the Prime Minister of an "obsessive determination to control the whole of society from 10 Downing Street".

He said: "The Greater London Council and the metropolitan counties were abolished because of two persistent offences. Their voters elected Labour councils and these councils implemented the Labour policies on which they were elected."

Labour councillors were warned by the leaders of two manual trade unions not to try to use the threat of privatization to force down their members' pay. Mr Jack Dromey, national group officer for the Transport and General Workers' Union, joined Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, in saying some council managers could not be trusted to advise councillors over manual workers' pay. Inter-union splits were possible as a result.

Mr Dromey said some members of Nalgo, the white collar local government union, would be "fighting to the last drop of our blood".

Labour councillors in control of the non-metropolitan cities such as Southampton, Norwich, Bristol and Leicester are to press for the abolition of the county councils.

However, the party is to campaign to attempt to save the Inner London Education Authority from outright abolition, which Labour leaders believe is now Government policy.

Palace poll tax bill, page 5

Strikes will 'jeopardize' recovery of the economy

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Ministers yesterday dismissed suggestions that the sudden wave of shopfloor militancy heralds another winter of discontent.

Nevertheless, there was mounting concern in Whitehall about the rash of strikes and threatened stoppages in industries as far apart as cars, coal, ferries and the health service.

Senior Conservative MPs were saying that the economic recovery of the past few years would be jeopardized by any widespread disruption.

The Prime Minister, who has already condemned nurses' walkouts for damaging patients, was said to have a bleak message for those contemplating strikes.

By disrupting their firms and hitting production and exports, they would be putting their own jobs at risk.

Officials at the Department of Employment are monitoring the situation closely but yesterday there were no plans for special meetings of ministers.

The Government believes that the apparent resurgence of militancy is a coincidence rather than a concerted effort by trade union leaders to reassert their strength.

Ministers pointed out yesterday that the various flashpoints were all quite separate and in most cases would damage the workers and companies concerned rather than the country as a whole.

They also said that they believed that changes in trade union law and working practices, allied with the growth in small firms, ruled out any repeat of the chaos of 1979, which contributed to the defeat of the last Labour government.

One senior minister commented: "There has been a very considerable change in the attitudes of work people from what it was in 1979 and before.

"Those changes are permanent. We are not going back to anything like that. The message has sunk in for a generation."

Mr Michael Grylls, chairman of the backbench Tory trade and industry committee, said after a five-day fact-finding trip to Japan, that Britain still had a long way to go to return to the front-rank of industrial powers.

"We are only half-way through our recovery and we have a long way to go before we catch up. A major outbreak of industrial disruption would put a full stop to all the progress of the last few years. It would be committing harakiri."

In addition to the threatened all-out strike at Ford from today over a three-year pay deal, disruption looms on the following fronts:

● Coalmining: One hundred pits will be at a standstill until midnight tonight as Nacods, the pit deputies union, stages a 24-hour pay strike. An overtime ban has already been imposed.

On Wednesday, a special delegate conference of the National Union of Mineworkers will consider stepping up its separate overtime ban in the dispute over British Coal's disciplinary code.

● Ferries: Leaders of the seamen's union say they are confident there will be no British-flagged ferries sailing to and from home ports from tomorrow. And a decision will be taken today to see if the action should be spread to French-owned companies.

The strike, over proposed cuts to ferry crews, will hit services to France, Belgium, Holland, Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Scottish Islands from midnight tonight.

Ports from the South Coast to Scotland will be picketed. Mr Sam McCluskie, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, has said no British ferry will sail.

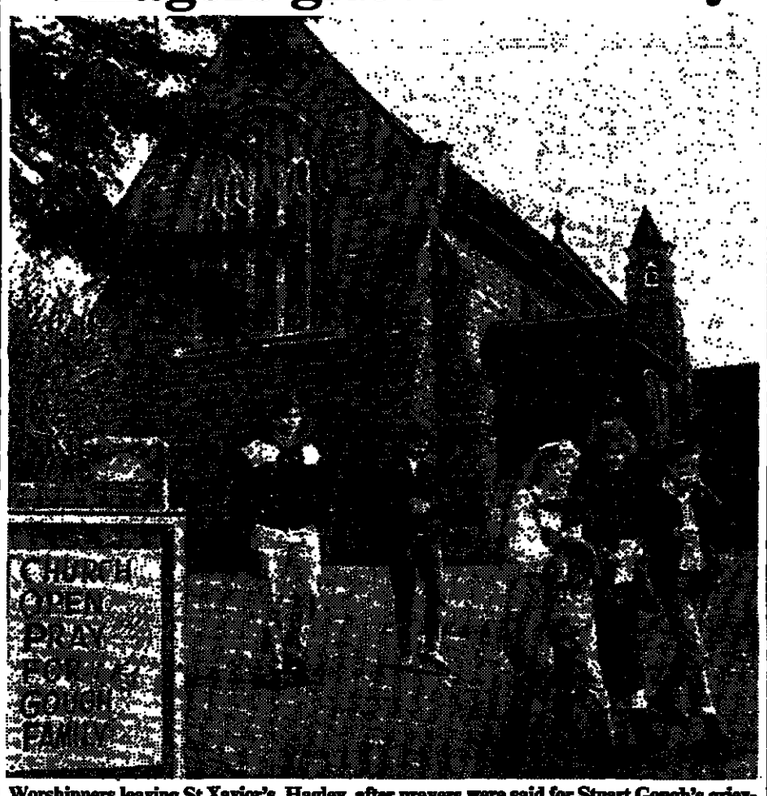
The action began in support of 161 NUS members at Heysham, Lancashire, who have been on strike since December 29 over proposals by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company to cut jobs, shorten leave periods and reduce earnings. The company dismissed 170 of its workforce, saying it intended to recruit other labour under new contract rules.

But the NUS says other companies, like Sealink and P&O Ferries, have similar proposals and it was time the union stood and fought.

● Cars: Vauxhall workers at Luton will ballot on an all-out strike on Wednesday over a two-year pay deal.

● The NHS: Nurses in many hospitals will be joined by other health workers in a 24-hour walkout on Wednesday.

Villagers grieve for family



Worshippers leaving St Xavior's, Hagley, after prayers were said for Stuart Gough's grieving parents. Right: 1, Stuart's home town, and 2, Bromsberrow, where his body was found.

By Craig Seton

The parents of the missing paperboy Stuart Gough, whose body was found early yesterday, were roused from their troubled half-sleep by a senior police officer to be told the news that they had been dreading since their son disappeared two weeks ago.

Mr Geoffrey Gough, and his wife Jean, a nurse, were joined minutes later in their home at Hagley, Hereford and Worcester, by the Rev Alan Brooksbank, the parish vicar, who offered prayers and comfort to the distraught couple.

Hours later, the news spread throughout the village that Stuart's body had been found by police at 1 am in a wooded gully in a lovers' lane known as Cuckoo Pen, 30 miles away.

The place is one mile from the hamlet of Bromsberrow, near Ledbury, in south Herefordshire, close to the M50.

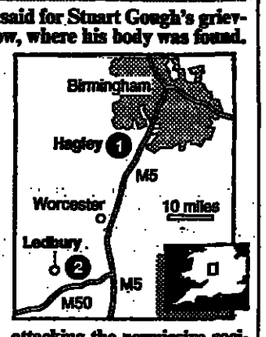
Stuart had vanished at about 8.10am on Sunday, January 17, when he was halfway through his regular Sunday morning paper round.

Five hundred villagers had joined police in the intensive search for the likeable teenager, who suffered from asthma.

Early yesterday, as the first paper boys and girls walked to newsagents' shops in the village to begin their own rounds, Mr Malcolm Higgins, the newsagent Stuart worked for, could not bring himself to tell his team of paper boys and girls that Stuart was dead.

By 10 am, Mr Brooksbank was preparing to give a sermon attacking the permissive society to 200 villagers who packed into the Church of St Xavior to offer prayers.

Mr Brooksbank, said later that Mr and Mrs Gough had been expecting the worst. "Mr Gough told me, 'I am glad Stuart is now at peace'. "Mrs Gough was just quite numb. There were tears, the evident and expected show of real grief."



Weather men told to turn to computers

By Robert Matthews
Technology Correspondent

More weather stations around the British Isles and a greater use of technology in forecasting are likely to be sought after a Ministry of Defence inquiry into the Meteorological Office's failure to predict last October's storms.

The inquiry results are due to be made public later this month, after being vetted by two independent scientists: Professor Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chairman of the University Grants Committee, and Professor Robert Pearce, head of meteorology at Reading University.

The need for more powerful computers and more data about weather developing over the Atlantic, are expected to be key elements of the inquiry's findings.

The Meteorological Office announced last month that it had spent £5 million on a computer eight times more powerful than its present machine.

That will enable the office to give predictions on a much finer scale, using a grid of squares 15 km wide, instead of the 75 km grid now being used. The change is expected to improve greatly the ability to predict storms, but Professor Pearce said that prediction of rare events such as October's hurricane is likely to remain extremely difficult.

He also said that the new technology would still be reliant on data from satellites and weatherships.

Economies at the Meteorological Office have seen its fleet of weatherships reduced from more than half a dozen to just one. Dr Bob Harwood, of Edinburgh University's meteorological department, says experts believe there should be one weathership every 500 km to provide adequate coverage over the Atlantic.

● Britain's farmers will lose tens of millions of pounds because of waterlogged fields after prolonged rain, Mr John Powling of King's Lynn, the country's biggest wholesale cereal seed merchant, said yesterday.

Airbus offers deal on B-Cal contract

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Airbus Industrie, the European aircraft manufacturing consortium, has offered to lease the first four A320 jets on order to British Airways in an effort to heal a growing rift between the two companies.

British Airways has taken over the order for ten twin engined A320s originally ordered by British Caledonian for delivery in March.

However, BA claims that in flying trials the aircraft have fallen short of the promised specification.

Lord King of Wartnaby, the chairman of British Airways, has demanded compensation from Airbus for the deficiencies.

Airbus is particularly anxious to maintain good relations with British Airways, which is the only big European airline not to have bought its aircraft.

After the BA takeover of British Caledonian, Airbus immediately offered to suspend the B-Cal contract and instead to lease BA the first batch of four from the ten ordered by B-Cal, while the weight problem was sorted out in time for the second batch.

BA says all its figures suggest the A320 is not only too heavy but its engines do not produce enough power and its wing is less than fully efficient.

Much will depend on the results of a one day route-proving exercise planned for February 16. A full load of passengers and baggage will fly between Paris and London with BA engineers monitoring the flight.

If BA does decide not to use the aircraft, it could find itself with a big windfall to help offset some of the £250million it paid last year for B-Cal. As the lauch customer, B-Cal negotiated a very low price for the A320s. By taking the aircraft at the contract price, then selling them to the growing list of potential customers, BA could make a large profit.

TV-am decisions

TV-am will "celebrate" its fifth anniversary today with the management of the breakfast time company deciding whether to dismiss its 229 striking television technicians.

Mr Bruce Gyngell, managing director of TV-am, said yesterday that the company would be considering all the options available after the decisive vote at the weekend by ACTT members not to return to work.

TV-am said a week ago that the ACTT strikers faced the possibility of dismissal unless they accepted a 10-point plan designed to remove costly customs and practices, and introduce fundamental reforms in working conditions.

But at a meeting on Saturday the technicians voted by 163 to 25 to prolong the 10-week dispute and called on management to negotiate on the 10-point plan. They insisted they were willing to accept new technology.

World chess championship

British pair make history

From Raymond Keene, Saint John, Canada

Nigel Short and Jon Speelman made chess history on Saturday night when they became the first British players to reach the quarter finals of the world championship.

Speelman obliterated Yasser Seirawan, the former United States champion, with a devastating attack against the king, while Short's draw against Gyula Sax, the Hungarian grandmaster, ensured his qualification.

Britain's success at this level is unprecedented and has elicited the admiration of the chess world. No other nation apart from the Soviet Union, where chess is the national game, will have more than one player in the quarter finals.

In Speelman's game, Seirawan chose a provacative opening that weakened his king's wing and the British player crashed through, sacrificing a rook for a knight which utterly demolished the American's defence.

He required only a draw to clinch victory, but this win gave him a winning margin of 4-1, and left many observers stunned as they had identified Seirawan as the favourite.

Short's draw in his fifth game against Sax was enough to give him a 3½-1½ winning margin.

He sacrificed a piece to harry the black king and Sax was forced to return the material to stave off immediate defeat. The game resolved itself in an endgame in which Short retained an extra pawn. When a draw was offered Short decided not to press his luck and acquiesced in the sharing of a point that guaranteed his qualification.

In other fifth-round games, Hjatarson lost to Korchnoi but leads 3-2 overall; Yusupov drew with Ehlvest and qualifies 3½-1½; Portisch drew with Vaganian and leads 3-2; Timman drew with Salov, and their adjourned fourth-round game was also drawn, leaving the score 2-2; and Sokolov adjourned with Spraggett. Sokolov leads 2½-1½.

Speelman-Seirawan

1 d4	d5	19 Rh3	Be8	
2 Nf3	c6	20 Bc3	Bg6	
3 c4	e6	21 g4	Bxe5	
4 e3	f5	22 dxe5	h5	
5 Be2	Nf6	23 f5	exf5	
6 0-0	Bd6	24 gxh5	e3	
7 b3	Qe7	25 Qxe3	f4	
8 Bb2	Nbd7	26 Rxf4	Be4	
9 Ne5	0-0	27 e6	Nf6	
10 Nd2	g6	28 Rxf5	Rxf5	
11 f4	gxf4	29 Qh6	Rg5+	
12 exf4	Ne4	30 Rg3	Rxg3+	
13 Nxe4	fxe4	31 hxg3	Qh7	
14 Qd2	Nf6	32 Qf6	Re8	
15 c5	Be7	33 Be5	Re7	
16 b4	Bd7	34 Qg5+	Kf8	
17 a4	Ne8	35 Bd6		
18 Ra3	Ng7	Speelman won		

Short-Sax

1 e4	c5	17 Qxb4	exd5	
2 Nf3	d6	18 exd5	Bxd5	
3 d4	cxd4	19 Nf3	Be6	
4 Nxd4	Nf6	20 f5	Be7	
5 Nc3	a6	21 Bxc5	Rxc5	
6 Be3	e6	22 fxe6	0-0	
7 f3	b5	23 Qxc5	dxc5	
8 g4	h6	24 Rxd8	Rxd8	
9 Qd2	Nbd7	25 exf7+	Kxf7	
10 0-0	Bb7	26 c3	Rd6	
11 Bd3	Ne5	27 Kc2	Rf6	
12 Rhe1	Nfd7	28 Ne5+	Kg8	
13 f4	b4	29 Re2	Bd6	
14 Nd5	Nbd3+	30 Nc4	Bf4	
15 Qxd3	Ne5	31 a4	Bg5	
16 Qc4	Rc8	Game drawn		

Tube staff training criticized

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

The standards of safety training provided for London Underground staff will be criticized severely during the formal inquiry, starting today, into the King's Cross fire.

The Association of London Authorities, which represents Labour-controlled inner London boroughs, has already publicized its criticisms, and the National Union of Railwaymen and the Fire Protection Association are now expected to do the same.

London Underground maintains that staff receive training in safety procedures, including the evacuation of trains, but, after the fire in which 31 people died, several employees claimed that they had received only sketchy training.

Country folk 'in urgent need of cheap homes'

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

New ways of providing low cost housing in rural areas must be sought as a matter of urgency, a report by the London and South East Regional Planning Conference says.

Villages in the south east have become the new suburbia for many whose work is unrelated to agriculture, it points out. The life of these inhabitants is heavily dependent on wealth and the motor car.

But traditional village residents still exist. They include agricultural workers, local service workers, those employed in small industries and many elderly people who find it difficult, if not impossible, to compete for local housing. Prices are high, the right to buy is depleting the small stock of council housing, and rented accommodation is decreasing.

The evidence indicates that these problems cannot be solved simply by the provision of small numbers of additional private houses. Even a disproportionate, and therefore environmentally unacceptable, increase in housing is unlikely to have more than a marginal effect.

The only approach to this problem is to open up new housing opportunities for those unable to compete in the market, the report says. Otherwise government policies to stimulate rural enterprize cannot be sustained.

Developing South East Regional Strategic Guidance. Report of the Rural Issues Group (The London and South East Regional Planning Conference, 50-64 Broadway, London SW1H 0DB; £5).

● An attempt to speed up the house buying process by insisting that local searches should be completed within two weeks will be made by an MP in the Commons tonight.

It follows reports that some councils, particularly in London, take up to 19 weeks to answer the search inquiries about planning and other matters affecting the house.

In an adjournment debate, Mr John Heddle, chairman of the Conservative Party's national local government advisory committee and chairman of the Backbench Environment Committee, is to ask the Secretary of State for the Environment to take powers to compel councils who take more than two weeks to give the public the statutory right to make personal searches.

Mr Heddle said that a disquieting number of local councils had an appalling record in the length of time they took.

Last year, the delays in Hackney reached 20 weeks before the council managed to reduce the time to 15 weeks, while other boroughs, including Havering, Wandsworth and Hounslow, completed the work in a week. Bexley have announced that the average time they take for the 14,000 inquiries a year they receive is six days.

Mr Heddle said of the worst offenders: "These delays cause unbearable heartache, anguish and expense".

He said it was not enough to allow councils the option to privatize these services.

"Local councils who do not deliver a service on time must accept measures which give the public the right to the same quality of services everywhere."

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Militants' pressure on nurses to strike growing, says RCN

By David Sapsted and Robert Matthews

Left-wing intimidation of nurses reluctant to join this week's 24-hour health service strike is now widespread, the Royal College of Nursing said yesterday.

The RCN, which has more than 250,000 members and which is opposed to strike action, said its convenors had been flooded with complaints from nurses about intimidation and bullying by extremists from other unions.

Dame Jill Knight, MP, chairman of the Conservative backbench committee on the social services, said that disclosures in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* about the intimidation provided further evidence of how left-wingers were prepared to use extreme tactics in furtherance of their cause.

She said: "I think the majority of nurses will resist these pressures in the interests of themselves and their patients".

The RCN said yesterday: "There is growing evidence that members are being bullied at strike meetings. The RCN understands that Nupe and Cohse members have also been subjected to intimidation by their own stewards."

The British Medical Association's executive council is to meet on Wednesday to to discuss its campaign to ensure direct taxation remains the principal source of health service funding.

The Government is carrying out a complete review of the funding of the health service and looking at a possible move away from its dependence on tax revenue.

Nurses at St Stephen's Hospital, Westminster, and two hospitals at Kingston-upon-Thames voted at the weekend to join Wednesday's strike, bringing the total of London hospitals likely to face disruption to 34, according to Nupe.

Organizers of the Westminster meeting said the strike vote had been supported by representatives of all three nursing unions, who were said to be angry that St Stephen's, which treats many Aids patients, faced demolition.

Nurses at St Bartholomew's, one of the leading London training hospitals, are to vote today on whether or not to take strike action.

Extremists, some of whom are believed to have links with the Socialist Workers' Party, have been accused of daubing graffiti of the doors of nurses unwilling to join the strike.

The RCN rejected claims by Nupe that 2,500 nurses would take part in the strike on Wednesday. Even if they did, the college said, the total represented only 2 per cent of the 100,000 nursing staff in the London area alone.

Nupe said yesterday that the union would look into the question of intimidation if the RCN made a formal protest. Mr Christopher Humphreys, the union's London area organizer, said that secret ballots were held after virtually all the nurses' meetings in the past 10 days.

He said: "These ballots resulted in a 50 to one majority in favour of a strike or other protest action. That is hardly intimidation."

The BMA, which says the answer to the health service crisis is an immediate injection of cash, together with a commitment to continued funding through direct taxation.

The association said yesterday: "Not only is it very much easier to control increases in costs of health services when they are funded essentially through direct taxation, but administrative costs are greatly reduced.

However, the BMA fears that the Health and Medicines Bill, now going through its committee stage in Parliament, could extend the financial strictures applied to health authorities to GPs.

● *Greater privatization of ancillary services in the health service could release extra funds for patients care and ease the shortage of nurses, according to a study by the Public and Local Service Efficiency Campaign.*

It reports that health authorities in the UK are now saving over £27 million a year by contracting out ancillary services, equivalent to the cost of employing an extra 3,800 staff nurses.

Judi Dench's classic ...nter of content



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Off duty: Miss Judi Dench, aged 53, is widely recognized as one of our greatest Shakespearean actresses. She will set a record on Saturday by completing her hundredth and last performance in *Antony and Cleopatra* at the National Theatre.

Last week she was honoured for her performance when at the Laurence Olivier awards ceremony she won the coveted Best Actress award. This will certainly be a year to remember for Miss Dench. She became a DBE in the New Year's Honours List.

"It was a total surprise," she said as she arrived at the National for a performance in *Antony and Cleopatra*. "Of course I was thrilled but I knew I would be "sent up" a lot and it was the panto season after all, and 'Dame Judi' — well!"

She married Michael Williams, the actor, in 1971. They have a daughter aged 15, named Tara and known as "Finty" (with her above), who is at a London convent school but lives at the family's eighteenth-century cottage in Hampstead. "I'm very proud of mummy being made a DBE", she said."Do you suppose I am now a Damelette'?"

Miss Dench and "Finty" held hands as they took a relaxed stroll along the side of the Thames near the theatre.

Having achieved so much in her long and distinguished career, I asked Miss Dench about any ambitions she may have. "I do not know", she said wistfully. "When Peter (Hall) comes to me and asks me what I would like to do next, I have absolutely no idea."

When she finishes at the National, she will turn her talents to something new. "I have never had any aspirations to be a director, but I was persuaded to do it", she said with a hint of nervous resolution. "I am looking forward to doing it, though with a certain amount of trepidation".

Her confidence started to grow as she spoke about her new venture. "I have got a 'master plan', of course. A lot of charts all over my dressing room walls. Actually they tell me who plays what and so on in case I forget anything."

Miss Dench will make her directing debut for Kenneth Branagh's Renaissance Company. The play, *Much Ado About Nothing*, will open in Birmingham next month.

Asked what she would like to do if she had all the time in the world, Miss Dench said: "I would love to discover the whole of Scotland, I simply dote on it.

"The first recorded Dench in Scotland was in 1580 in Gairloch. I suppose that is also one of the reasons I love Scotland so. It is a question of finding one's roots." (Report and photograph: Stephen Markeson).

New call over nursing pay

By Ruth Gledhill

Nurses have an unanswerable claim for higher salaries when their pay is compared with that of similar occupational groups in Britain, a doctor writes in January's *British Medical Journal*.

A staff nurse earns less after eight years than a police constable on his first working day and takes seven years to reach the starting salary of a fireman.

Nearly 40 per cent of nurses earn less than the Low Pay Unit's threshold of £132.27 a week and the salary of a nursing sister passes the average non-manual worker's salary only in her fifth year.

"Nursing salaries are a scandal. One in five qualified nurses how has one or more additional jobs, in 70 per cent of cases solely from need", Dr Tony Delamothe, assistant editor of the *British Medical Journal*, writes.

"Careers officers have expressed their concern that students with suitable academic and personal qualifications are now likely to consider other careers in preference to nursing."

Nurses are reluctant to push for what they deserve because for three out of the last four years, some of the money to fund pay increases has come out of existing hospital budgets.

The increases are meant to be funded by cost improvements but have instead caused further cuts to services.

Nurses are more aware of the effects of these cuts than almost anyone else because "nurses spend more time with patients than any other group and are therefore the best witnesses of what has already happened to patients' services".

Dr Delamothe added: "There is a growing realization that the underfunding of hospitals has been by political choice rather than economic necessity.

While income tax nationally has been reduced, nurses now lose 24 per cent of their salaries on taxation and national insurance, compared with 21 per cent in 1979-80.

Even though nurses' salaries are higher than ever before, a shortage of staff and increased workload means many nurses regularly work overtime for nothing.

They do not take time off in lieu because they fear increasing the workload of those on duty.

Dr Delamothe said yesterday: "While the number of nurses has increased by 5 per cent between 1979 and 86, the number of day cases has gone up by 77 per cent and the number of in-patients by 19 per cent.

"Because the patient throughput has gone up, the Government can say the health service has become more efficient.

"The people who are paying for this increased efficiency are the nurses."

Damages claims

Lords to rule on medical negligence

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A health authority begins a test appeal in the House of Lords today against a damages ruling which will, if upheld, make doctors significantly more vulnerable to successful negligence claims.

The ruling by the Court of Appeal in August 1986 in the case of Martin Wilsher, aged nine, who is nearly blind, creates a stiffer standard of care for hospital doctors.

In upholding a damages award of £116,199 against the Essex Area Health Authority, the Court of Appeal ruled by two to one that a doctor's inexperience was no defence in negligence cases.

The law required of a junior hospital doctor the same standard of care that was expected of his senior colleagues, the Court of Appeal said. It was the first time that this principle had been established in a case of medical negligence.

At the same time the ruling broke new legal ground which bodies such as the Medical Defence Union fear will make claims more difficultto defend, if it is not overturned by the Lords.

Martin Wilsher was born in Harlow, Essex, in 1978, three months premature. His chance of survival was low and for more than 11 weeks he needed extra oxygen. He lingered close to death and there was the chance of brain damage.

He was nearly blind. He suffers from an incurable condition of the retina said to have been caused by an excess of oxygen in those early weeks.

A health officer inserted a catheter into a vein instead of an artery, which meant the wrong blood was monitored.

It was three days before the mistake was discovered, by which time the baby had been super-saturated with oxygen. The insertion of the catheter is one of the possible causes for his blindness.

Miss Frances Harrison, a solicitor with Hempsons, lawyers for the health authority, which is challenging the ruling, said that the Court of Appeal judges had extended a 1973 ruling previously only applied to industrial injury cases.

"Where there is a duty of care, normally a plaintiff has to prove both that the duty has been breached — in other words, that negligence has occurred — and that this has caused damage."

Instead the Court of Appeal had decided that because it was not possible to say which of several causes was responsible for the boy's blindness, all the mother had to show was that there had been negligence, and there had been damage. She did not have to show the two were linked.

"So if there is negligence and there is damage, the plaintiff no longer has to show one caused the other. The burden of proof has been shifted to the defendant."

The ruling has widespread implications for a number of medical negligence cases where there are several possible causes of damage, such as with brain injury.

The British Medical Association also fears the case has far-reaching implications for the duties of health authorities to maintain a certain level of staffing.

It is expected to be six weeks before the Lords give their decision. The mother of the boy, Mrs Heather Wilsher, who has been fighting for damages for nine years, says the delay is traumatic.

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Winner's break from DIY

A retired teacher was the sole winner of the Portfolio Gold weekly prize of £16,000.

Mr Harry Allen and his wife, Marjorie, intend to spend part of the money on repairs to their house in Norwood Green, Southall, west London.

Mr Allen, aged 64, said: "It will be nice to pay someone to do the work. I quite like do-it-yourself, but I have been getting behind with the work.

There was no daily winner on Saturday, so the £12,000 *prize passes into the accumulator.*

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Mr Harry Allen, whose win will pay for house repairs.

BUPA seeks tax relief for elderly

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's private health insurers are asking the Chancellor to introduce tax relief on contributions for the elderly in next month's Budget. But general tax relief on private health contibutions now seems unlikely.

Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, has spoken in favour of tax relief on private health insurance, but such a move would be unlikely to increase substantially the number of people covered.

This is because 60 per cent of the present 2.3 million subscribers are on company schemes, where private health cover is a perk and where the company already receives relief against corporation tax on contributions.

The only additional tax relief would be to cease treating private health insurance as a taxable benefit. At present, anyone earning over £8,500 a year has to pay tax on the value of their private health cover. However, the effects of such a change would be limited.

The Treasury estimates that a general tax relief on private health cover would cost £150 million, but both the British United Provident Association (BUPA) and Private Patients Plan (PPP), the largest health insurers in Britain, believe that tax relief for subscribers over 65 could be introduced, with a possible net saving for the Exchequer.

The cost of cover rises for people reaching retirement age, so many pensioners drop their cover just as their health care needs are at their greatest.

Mr Roy Forman, managing director of PPP, said: "A tax relief of this sort would diminish the rate of lapse, even if it did not actually boost membership".

Bupa said tax relief for the elderly would be welcomed.

● Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, yesterday urged all trade union members to bankrupt Bupa by responding to its advertisements by using its Freepost and Freephone facilities.

Computer aid to beat smoking

By Our Technology Correspondent

A British company is about to market a pocket-sized computer developed in America to help smokers break their addiction.

Called LifeSign, it is said to be three times more effective than any other self-help product currently available.

The device is designed to *cure the addiction by telling* smokers when they can and cannot smoke. For the first week, a normal smoking pattern is followed, with the smoker pressing a button on the device every time a cigarette is lit.

The computer calculates a withdrawal programme specific to the habits of the smoker, and signals when it is permissible to smoke. The *time between cigarettes* is gradually increased until the smoker is capable of stopping completely.

The manufacturer claims that depending on the original *habits* of the smoker, the addiction can be broken in two weeks by the device.

Shun alcohol if you want babies, women told

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

All women of child-bearing age should consider giving up alcohol to reduce the risk of miscarriages or giving birth to handicapped babies, according to research carried out at Edinburgh University.

A three-year study funded by the charity Action Research for the Crippled Child shows that alcohol — even if consumed before pregnancy — can produce genetic defects in babies.

The research aimed to find out why up to half of all conceptions end in spontaneous abortions, many involving genetic defects unconnected to any in either parent.

Professor Matthew Kaufman, head of the university medical school's anatomy department, said recent experiments on mice had shown that alcohol was capable of causing genetic damage in unfertilized eggs. Serious defects appeared in up to a fifth of the embryos of mice given moderate doses of alcohol.

The findings support those of surveys in the United States which suggest that a woman's alcohol consumption can triple the risk of genetic abnormalities in her children.

In view of this, women should ideally not drink at all until after having their families, Professor Kaufman said yesterday.

"Certainly if a woman is thinking of starting a family, then that is a time to stop drinking, because we don't know of any safe dose."

Professor Kaufman said there appeared to be a critical 48-hour period before the release of the egg from the ovary each monthly cycle during which alcohol can interfere with the genetic formation of the egg.

Research into the exact mechanism of damage is underway, but there are indications that alcohol can prevent the correct number of chromosomes, which carry the genetic information, from reaching the egg.

Disabled jobs plea

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Disabled people are twice as likely to remain unemployed for twice as long as those who are not. When in employment they are more likely to be in low-paid jobs.

The findings, in a report by the West Yorkshire branch of the Low Pay Unit, show that few employers take on the required number of disabled people.

The unit says it is particularly concerned about the lack of accurate information on the numbers and location of disabled people in the workforce. Even the Manpower Services Commission does not have reliable figures.

Mr Jonathan Fry, the unit's project director, said: "A great deal more needs to be done if people with disabilities are to enjoy full and fair consideration in the employment field".

Disability and Low Pay (West Yorkshire Low Pay Unit, Field Hill Centre, Batley Field Hill, Batley WF17 OBQ).

Motorway repairs

Tax campaign yields results

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

A Department of Transport crackdown on people for not paying their motor tax has led to more than 1,300 motorists being considered for prosecution.

The campaign, which was conducted throughout Wales by the four Welsh police forces last October, was preceded by a two-week advance publicity campaign.

Statistics for three of the police force areas show that 32,000 vehicles which were unlicensed at the beginning of the month had been re-licensed by the end.

Announcing the results, Mr Peter Bottomley, Minister for Roads and Traffic, said: "Any *motorists who believe that it is* worth the risk to run an untaxed vehicle should think again".

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Roadworks until next Monday:

M1 London: inside lane closures south-bound near Scratchwood services.
M11 Essex: lane closures and speed restrictions at jn 8 (Bishops Stortford); contraflow between jns 8 and 10 (Bishop's Stortford/Duxford).
M275 Hampshire: flyover construction between M27 and Rudmore roundabout.
M4 Wiltshire: lane restrictions on both carriageways between jns 15 and 14 (Swindon/Hungerford).
A1(M) Hertfordshire: repairs to bridge south of jn 7 (Coreys Mill) off-peak lane closures.

Midlands

M5 W Midlands: lane closures between jns 1 and 4 (W Bromwich/Bromsgrove).
M5 Hereford/Worcester: contraflow between jns 5 and 6 (Droitwich/ Worcester N). North-bound entry slip at jn 6 closed; overnight carriageway closures from time to time.

North

M6 Cheshire: off-peak lane closures in both directions between jns 16 and 18 (Kidsgrove/Middlewich); lane closures in both directions between jns 20 and 21 (M56/ Warrington).
M62 W Yorkshire: contraflow between jns 25 and 26 (Brighouse/M606 Bradford).
M63 Greater Manchester: single-line traffic between jns 3 and 6 due to widening work. long delays likely. allow extra time for journeys to Manchester airport; restrictions for widening of Barton Bridge. peak hour congestion.
A1 (M) S Yorkshire: contraflow and slip road closures between A635 interchange at Marr and A638 interchange at Redhouse; signposted diversions.
M62 Greater Manchester: lane closures on both carriageways between jn 12 (Eccles interchange with M63/M602) and 14 (M61/A580 interchange).
M63 Greater Manchester: construction of M63 flyover at Portwood roundabout, Stockport.

Wales and the West

M4 Wiltshire: lane closures in both directions at jn 15 (Swindon).
M5 Somerset/Devon: lane closures in both directions between jns 22 and 27 (A38 Burnham-on-Sea/Tiverton).

Scotland

M8 Lothian: east-bound traffic down to hard shoulder only at jn 3 (A899). East-bound entry slip at jn 3 closed.
M8 Strathclyde: east-bound lane closures between jns 16 and 15 (Glasgow city centre/Townhead). The east-bound entry slip at jn 16 and east-bound exit slip at jn 15 closed.
M9 Central: inside lane closed west-bound between jns 5 and 6 (Grangemouth/ Falkirk); inside lane closed south-bound between jns 11 and 10 (Bridge of Allan/Stirling).

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Keen interest in Toby jugs of deposed Marcos

The classy contents of the deposed President Marcos' Fifth Avenue mansion sold at a *premium* at Christie's New York at the weekend, as all 80 items were snapped up by collectors and dealers.

Consigned for sale, as the catalogue proclaimed, "on behalf of the Republic of the Philippines through the Presidential Commission on Good Government", apart from the occasional miniature oriental tree, its blooms fashioned from cloisonné and hardstone, the collection contained little to reflect its erstwhile owner's culture.

Almost all the items were European: top-flight ceramics, silver and furniture, and, surprisingly, a set of smirking Staffordshire Toby jugs.

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Top lot was a Sevres part dessert service, distinguished by a recurrent flower basket motif, suspended in cartouches by ribbons.

Estimated at $20,000-$30,000, the 51 pieces — including 34 plates, two sauce tureens and two ice pails — sold for more than twice their estimate, at $77,000 (£43,500) to an anonymous buyer.

Another runaway price was for a pair of throne-like George II style mahogany armchairs, their needlework upholstery containing courtly figures, foliage and arabesque. These sold for three times their estimate at $37,400 (£21,129).

Particulary surprising, both in terms of its incongruity in the collection, and in respect of its price, was a Staffordshire creamware bust of John Wesley.

Grim-faced, in a white two-toned preacher's collar, it was estimated at $300-$500, and sold for $24,200 (£13,672). Saturday's sale achieved a *total of* $587,180 (£331,740).

Christie's has been quietly selling off certain star Marcos items in its other sales, notably a still life with sweet peas by the French nineteenth *century painter*, Fantin Latour, which fetched $1.2 million (£440,000) last November.

Also at the weekend, Christie's held a successful *sale of English and Continental furniture*, which achieved $2.8 million, with only 5 per cent unsold.

Meanwhile, Sotheby's New York completed a three-day marathon Americana sale. With nearly 2,000 lots, and takings at $10.9 million, it turned out to be the best it had ever had.

Top of the bill was a double portrait by the itinerant early New England painter, John Brewster Junior. Born a deaf mute, he used his handicap to great effect, instinctively projecting the worthy sincerity of *his subjects, Comfort Starr* Mygatt, a businessman from Connecticut, and his daughter, Lucy.

Estimated at between $750,000-$1 million, it *fetched* $852,500, *becoming a* record for any American folk painting.

Associations with famous politicians helped to push up the price for a Chippendale cast walnut marble-topped table, which sold for double its estimate at $418,000 to a New York dealer.

Commissioned by Benjamin Franklin for his daughter, it had until the sale remained in the family since.

SDP MERGER CONFERENCE

Mergerites romp to an easy victory

There were chants of "easy, easy" at the SDP conference in Sheffield yesterday when, after six hours of passionate debate over two days, a merger with the Liberal Party was approved on a show of hands.

The decision was confirmed by a ballot of the Council for Social Democracy, with 273 for merger, 28 against and 49 abstentions.

After the vote, Mrs Shirley Williams, the party president, said it represented a majority of more than 80 per cent in favour and that the margin was so great as not to require a ballot of members.

"It is right and proper to hold it nonetheless. We believe that our members will endorse the package", she said.

Before the vote was declared, Mrs Williams hoped that those who were now parting might later decide to come together again in a "single great enterprise".

During the first session of the debate on Saturday, **Mr Danny Finkelstein**, a member of the national committee, said that on March 7 he would join thousands of others in re-establishing the Social Democratic Party. (Cheers). He saw no point in strapping people into a divided party.

An independent SDP was central to the realignment of British politics, and this involved winning power and sharing it with others. The alternative of trying to replace Labour and win a majority inside a two-party system would be a dreadful mistake. This would merely reshuffle the old politics without changing them.

firmly on the centre-left of politics and fully in the vanguard of conscience and reform. "Those of us who want this to come about are not evacuating social democracy. (Applause). What we are attempting to do is to enable social democracy to find a party and a way of trying out policies which enable those principles to be put into power."

Mr Peter Leighton, Waltham Forest, said he had concluded that no realistic alternative to merger was before the party.

"I do not believe that we are going to be submerged in the new organization." If the principles of social democracy in which they believed did not flourish in the new party, it would not be the fault of those who joined it but of those who stood aside. (Applause)

Mr David Sainsbury did not want the council to vote against merger. Those who wanted to should now go and join the Liberals.

He had joined the SDP because he wanted to create a party that believed in rewarding initiative, hard work and risk-taking, but was also committed to eliminating poverty and providing decent education and medical care, was unequivocal in defending Britain and would provide aid to the Third World. He was convinced that the merged party would have neither the leadership nor the policies to do that.

"We are talking, not about words on a piece of paper, but about fundamental values. What we are seeing today is not a battle between left and right but between old and new, between nostalgia for the sixties and the realities of the eighties and nineties." (Protests)

If the debate resulted in a vote for merger, he and Sir Leslie Murphy would resign as joint trustees.

He was proud to stand alongside those who believed in the values and the future of an independent SDP. (Cheers).

Mr Michael Ellis, of the Young Social Democrats, said that those against merger had been told: "Join us or we will run you out".

His response was: "I won't join and you won't run me out".

When the debate resumed yesterday, **Mr Jonathan Marks**, West Cornwall and Scilly, said that the invitation from David Owen was to go off and join a merged Liberal Party while he stuck with the SDP that was a cosy, ticket-only, stage-managed, food-store-financed fan club.

He had been a close supporter of David Owen for seven years but he declined that invitation. Social Democrats were not going off to join the Liberal Party; the existing Liberal Party had sung its swan-song last weekend – (shout of "You must be joking"). Liberals knew that a new party had a prospect of forging a new, united, left-of-centre force and a real chance of gaining political power.

It was a matter of great regret that some Social Democrats, including David Owen, would be saying goodbye not only to friends and colleagues but goodbye to exercising real power.

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead was loudly cheered at the beginning and end of his speech, but suffered some heckling and a slow handclap at times.

Last week at the Liberal Assembly, he had been fortified in his belief that they could make an honest and balanced marriage with the Liberal Party. The outcome of the negotiations provided a more than adequate basis.

It was an odd thing to make detailed policy part of the fundamental law of any party. It had not been so with the present party, nor with others, except perhaps the Labour Party, with its clause 4. That was hardly the most encouraging example.

Despite the strength of his conviction, he did not find it impossible to understand the doubts and torn minds of many who had spoken.

It was legitimate for people to ask why, if he now asked them to join the merged party, he had wanted to set up a separate party in the first place. He had proclaimed from the beginning the need for a realignment of British politics that would unite those who agreed with each other but were separated by artifical barriers of traditional party politics.

He had not thought that that could be done without the catalyst of a new party. Nor could he judge in advance whether, working with Liberals, their compatibility would be sufficient for full fusion.

"After seven years, I judge that it is, and that, I believe, is the view of most of those with grass-roots experience."

He found it difficult to understand how people who had worked in close association with the Liberals could have done so while believing that Liberals were a rotten lot with whom they should not have been mixed up.

He predicted that within a year, attacks on the new merged party would have become the political stock-in-trade of the schismatic party, eclipsing attacks on the Conservative Party, and very likely on the Labour Party too. (Applause).

How could anyone delude themselves that the party within a party which had come out in that hall on Saturday night was in pursuit of alliance by another route? (Protests).

Either they went forward to a united radical party with a good chance of recovery of the verve and vigour of the early days, or they faltered and turned the left centre of British politics into a scene of pathetic chaos that would turn their supporters and potential supporters away in dismay to the two "old ugly sisters" of British politics.

"Let us have some regard to our duty to the electorate. (Applause). We like saying that they need us. So they do, I believe, but by God we need them, too, and let us show greater feeling for the realities of politics and our ability to put divisions behind us. Go forward with the effective choice which, unless we seize this historic moment, we shall lose, and lose for a generation."

Mr John Cartwright, MP for Woolwich, who received a standing ovation, said that he and many others would have grave doubts about joining a political party whose leaders endorsed one set of policy priorities one day and, with equal enthusiasm, endorsed a totally different set of policies five days later.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, former MP, said the package before the conference was capable of tackling the nation's problems in a way that would gain credibility and the support of the people and would lead on to victory over those problems in government. (Applause).

● A show of hands by the council disclosed an overwhelming majority for an amended motion approving the necessary constitutional amendments paving the way for merger. These were on the basis of a preamble setting forth the values and principles of the new Social Liberal Democratric Party; a constitution for the party and transitional provisions, including a declaration of policy as the initial policy stance of the new party.

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Lord Jenkins of Hillhead and Mrs Shirley Williams, the SDP president, clasping hands in triumph on the conference platform after the vote for merger with the Liberal Party at Sheffield yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

The Council for Social Democracy, which debated and voted for merger with the Liberals in Sheffield at the weekend, is the "parliament" of the Social Democratic Party. It has a voting membership of 488, from 240 area parties. Fewer than 400 attended.

The group of SDP members supporting Dr David Owen's anti-merger view is the Campaign for Social Democracy. It was the campaign that held the controversial meeting in the conference hall on Saturday night that Dr Owen addressed.

Mr John Grant, former Labour MP, said that as one of the negotiators he had concluded that merger was "the unsuitable in pursuit of the unsustainable". He could not endorse an agreement that was a triumph of expediency over principle.

The whole SDP idea of a positive document that could not be quickly scrapped by a Liberal-dominated new party had been jettisoned. The bland and anodyne document that had been produced was not what had been promised at Portsmouth.

Everything he had heard in the negotiations indicated that what would rapidly emerge was a revamped Liberal Party. "So why are we throwing away what has been so painstakingly built up?"

Mr Charles Kennedy, MP for Ross, Cromarty and Skye, in a speech which drew prolonged applause, agreed there had been difficulties in the negotiations. "Perhaps we negotiated too much with a view to appeasing absent friends." The Campaign for Social Democracy had undermined or made more difficult the task of the negotiators trying to seek the best way forward.

Social Democrats now had before them the prospect of a broader, bigger and better party

Hectic agenda to seal union by mid-March

By Robin Oakley and Martin Fletcher

Yesterday's SDP vote for union will trigger a fresh bout of hectic activity among leading Liberals and Social Democrats who have only just completed the exhausting process of negotiating the merger package.

Between now and mid-March they have to conduct rubber-stamping ballots of the full memberships of each party, settle several outstanding wrangles with the Owenite Social Democrats, and undertake the formidable task of launching the new Social and Liberal Democrats party.

The SDP will set the ball rolling next week by sending out ballot papers seeking a simple 'Yes' or 'No' to merger, closely followed by the Liberals. The results are almost certain to be announced on March 3.

The launch committee has already set to work on preparations for a "union date" sometime in mid-March. It has been organizing advertising, commissioning a logo, and preparing mailshots.

The SDP national committee, minus the Owenites, must meet to choose its members of the interim federal executive. This will become the caretaker ruling body of the new party from March 7 when the national committee will meet again formally to wind itself up.

The interim federal executive will comprise the existing party leaders and presidents, an MP and a councillor from each party, plus nine Social Democrats chosen by the SDP national executive and nine Liberals elected by members. All must have stated that they are joining the new party.

One of the earliest tasks of the interim federal executive will be to decide a date for a leadership election as the new party will be launched with two leaders – a situation widely regarded as unsatisfactory.

The election has been pencilled in for the autumn and the idea is that the new leader would be installed for the Queen's Speech in November, but Liberals in particular are pushing for a June election.

The interim federal executive must also appoint staff, decide on a headquarters, oversee the establishment of constituency parties, and perform all the normal functions of a national executive.

It will remain in being until the Democrats' first party conference in Blackpool, from September 26 to 29, when elections to the successor federal executive will be held. Another interim committee will deal with the conference arrangements.

One body that has much work to do between now and March is an SDP transitional arrangements committee comprising Mr Mike Thomas, Miss Fiona Beckett and Mr John Cartwright for the Owenites, and Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, Mr Ben Stoneham and Mrs Anne Sofer for the mergerites.

Among the disputes this committee will have to settle will be the Owenites' claim to the name and logo of the existing SDP and to a proportionate share of the assets of the present SDP area parties. The mergerites may concede the name but not the other two if they can help it.

The Owenites believe that organizationally at least, the next few months will be relatively simple.

They regard themselves as "the continuing SDP". They intend to preserve all the party's present structures.

Area parties will hold meetings to do this as soon as possible after March 7. Existing elected officers will have their period of office extended until 1989.

Dr Owen will be the uncontested leader and Mr John Cartwright will be caretaker president until a proper election can be held at the Council for Social Democracy, which is meeting in Torquay from September 17 to 20.

As the "continuing party" it professes there is no need for a public launch, but the members intend to "celebrate" the seventh anniversary of the formation of the SDP on March 27.

'Fresh spirit of democracy'

Mr Robert Maclennan, leader of the SDP, wound up the two-day merger debate strongly urging the conference to accept the package agreed with the Liberal Party.

He described the agreement as an opportunity to inject a new, fresh spirit of genuine democracy into British political life.

"None of us can now repudiate or disown the democratic system which made us proud of our party at the outset", he said.

They had been right to create a new, separate party in 1981. They were right to establish the Alliance.

But two general elections had taught them that the old Alliance was not a totally adequate vehicle for the visions of its members.

"I am in no doubt my recommendation is for you to approve this agreement for the union of our two parties."

In recommending that course, he took heart from the constitution of the new party, which owed much to the original SDP constitution. This enshrined all the principles which they held dear.

The new party would be based upon the founding principle of one member one vote. "I hope other parties will respect that principle but I doubt it." (Cheers.)

It was a package in which they could have confidence and a party in which they would all have pride. They had a prospect and potential for success for which they had been striving for seven years.

"Here is a genuine opportunity to rid Britain of the autocracy and bureaucracy which has disfigured our political life and political institutions, and in its place to inject a new, fresh spirit of genuine democracy. I commend it to you. The vote must be Yes."

Last chance for third force

The choice before Social Democrats was to become part of a politically viable third force in British politics at the next general election or to turn their backs on an opportunity that might not come again this century, Mrs Shirley Williams, the party's president, said, in moving the merger motion.

Social Democrats understood old friends leaving, but they, in turn, must accept the determination of the majority to stand firm on the bedrock on which the party was created – one member, one vote democracy.

The negotiations with the Liberals had reached an excellent agreement on a new constitution, a statement of policy and a name. Robert Maclennan had been derided for his visit to Limehouse to take the news of the agreement with the Liberals to David Owen. Spontaneous though that visit was – (laughter) – it was an attempt, though maybe doomed, to reconcile the divided SDP. David Owen had rejected that agreement out of hand. "Not for the first time in this party's affairs, Bob Maclennan acted with integrity – (applause) – and David Owen with impetuosity at that moment of crisis." (Protests.)

She hoped that nobody today would make this crucial decision without weighing the full consequences of isolating themselves from their Liberal allies who, in their hundreds and thousands, had pounded on doors and walked rainy streets with SDP members in many constituencies.

In many places, however, there would be no split. Liberals and Social Democrats had already merged so effectively that they could no longer remember who belonged to which party in the past. "If a merger into a new party were to be rejected a lot of our grassroots would go on growing together.

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Owen scornful of 'loveless marriage'

The day would come when the SDP was seen to be closer to the heartbeat of the nation than any other political party, Dr David Owen predicted at a meeting of the Campaign for Social Democracy on Saturday night.

In a rousing speech, for which he received a standing ovation, he said: "We did not risk all in 1981 to create this party, to sustain this party, to carry its banner, to win seats in Parliament and in the council chamber in the name of this party only to see it dismembered".

He was pretty certain that they could achieve a majority of SDP members who, of their own free will, would decide to remain members of the party. Thousands of people who had never been SDP members had said that they wanted to join the party. "But they want the clarity, the consistency, the conviction of the SDP, which will continue."

An amazing start had been made. Well over 20,000 people were now committed to continue the SDP. "We will need many thousands more. We who love this party will not be forced into a loveless marriage. We will not be told 'There is no alternative'. We resented the cry that it was merger or bust.

"Friends are parting company. But one can differ in politics without committing hara kiri.

"You may be quite clear that the SDP is and will remain an independent party but we shall always be ready to work with like-minded politicians in all parties.

"There is no need to cut each others' throats, no need to fuel a family feud. We should go our separate ways, respecting, but not exaggerating our differences, and ready, one day, perhaps when wiser counsel prevails, to work, although in a different way, with former friends and colleagues."

Sensible partnerships would continue to be established at grassroots. It would be done by people who went on championing the politics of proportional representation.

Those were the policies which had brought many of them into the party, which had led them deliberately to create a political party which had made them proud to be what they were: an independent, fourth political party.

He had listened that day to the personal comments, the gladiatorial language, the antagonistic and adversarial politics which he thought they had all put behind them.

"Let it be clear. The SDP will neither provoke, nor shirk a fight. We will remain what we are – a national party.

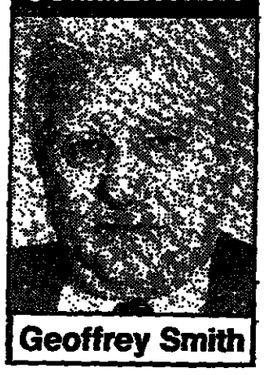
"If need be, we are prepared to fight every seat at the next election. We are not fools. We know that it would be wiser for a different counsel to prevail, but if it does not, no one should doubt our resolve or our commitment.

"After what we have done to ourselves over the past few months, we cannot expect to scale those heady heights until all of us earn again the trust of the British people. It will not be easy, but I predict that the day will come when the SDP is seen to be closer to the heartbeat of this nation than any other political party."

In 1985 the party's message had been clear. There had been no equivocation about the need for conventional and nuclear disarmament.

"We can return to those days."

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

The Social Democrats had assembled at Sheffield to decide whether to join a new party. Most of them seemed more preoccupied with the partners they were leaving than with those they were joining.

It was this bitterness between the two schools of Social Democrats that was, to my mind, the most significant feature of this conference.

There was the requisite majority for a merger, as everyone knew there would be, though the size of the vote suggests that the Owenites might have been able to mobilize a blocking third had they chosen to do so.

But what was more striking was the personal sourness, the obsession with the Owenites and the small part played in these last rites of the old SDP by the Owenites themselves. Perhaps all this was inevitable. Political divorces are no more likely than personal ones to be carried out with sweetness of spirit.

SLDP must try to kill off Owenites

There is, however, a political consequence. Dr Owen and others may speak of an amicable separation, but that has become impossible.

There is now bound to be, at the very least, a period of savage strife between the Owenites and the new party of Social and Liberal Democrats.

It must be the natural tactic of the SLDP to try to kill off the Owenites. The rationale for merging the Social Democrats and the Liberals has always been that there is no room in the centre of British politics for more than one party. For the SLDP now to share this territory contentedly with the Owenites would be contrary to the logic of the whole enterprise.

The Owenites are not themselves seeking to drive the SLDP from the political field at this stage. They would like an electoral accommodation by which both sides agreed to give the other a clear run in a given number of seats. Elsewhere they would be free to compete against each other.

In time the two parties might grow closer together on policy, which would not be altogether surprising for two parties competing for the same section of the electorate. But there would be no specific policy agreement between them. This, therefore, would be something distinctly less than a revised version of the Alliance.

Even a limited arrangement of this sort, however, would not be contemplated by the SLDP in its early days.

The overwhelming majority of mergerites to whom I have spoken both at Sheffield, and among the Liberals at Blackpool the weekend before, have been emphatic that the Owenite party should be strangled at birth if at all possible.

So there will be a bitter struggle to see if one or the other can come out decisively on top.

Only if neither can establish a decisive advantage, if it is evident that if they fight each other they will kill each other, will some kind of electoral arrangement become a possibility.

The chances of deadlock seem now rather greater than they were before Christmas. The mergerites have, too often, been inept.

The fiasco of the first policy document will not swiftly be forgotten, and at the beginning of this conference there was the ludicrous attempt to deprive the Owenites of the use of the conference hall for their rally.

To give the impression of trying to deny your opponents the right to meet is one of the cardinal sins of British politics.

The Owenite rally was marred by signs of an excessive personality cult. But in every other respect it was an impressive gathering. There is strength here at the centre, though how effective the party will be at local level has still to be tested.

Country would recall bitterness

If it is sufficiently powerful to force a deadlock with the SLDP then, whatever may now be said by mergerites, there will be a serious chance of some kind of electoral agreement at the general election. It would not be welcomed, but it might seem preferable to suicide.

But the country would remember the bitterness, and the scene in the centre of British politics would be decidedly messy.

What would the voters make of two parties that stood aside for one another in some constituencies and fought each other in other places?

The lesson of Sheffield, to me, is that if neither the SLDP nor the Owenites can kill the other then neither can look forward to a bright future.

صكان الاصل

Professional bodies to forge stronger links with schools

By John Spicer
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Professional bodies are being urged to spend more time and effort to create effective links with schools and colleges, so that young people can be offered wider career opportunities.

A new scheme, Professional Links in Schools, has been launched on an initiative from the Institute of British Architects with four specific aims: to build on existing experience from other industry-education collaboration projects; to start projects bringing together teachers and professional bodies; to advise professional bodies which may have an interest in or commitment to collaboration with education; and to initiate effective means to maintain and develop the project.

The scheme, which will complement the Manpower Service Commission's technical and vocational education initiative (TVEI), is backed by the Engineering Council and Ibstock Building Products.

Since 1983, TVEI has helped to give thousands of schoolchildren a better understanding of enterprise, modern approaches to technology, and how industry works. But RIBA and the Engineering Council felt more could be done.

At the launch in London, Dr Rod Hackney, RIBA president, said his institute's charter not only demanded that it sought the top educational standards in its own architects, but that it should also "be out there" teaching people to appreciate and understand buildings and the construction process.

"What better way to improve the environment than by enabling the public to be in a position where it is so well informed that it can criticize and demand a better environment", he said. "Don't let faceless bureaucrats impose an unsatifactory environment on you, get involved, tell them what you want."

Dr Hackney said the launch of the professional links in schools project heralded a new age of showing children new possibilities and giving them more opportunities by widening their own and their teachers' horizons.

Mr Roger Dawe, who was speaking for the first time as director general of the MSC, told more than a hundred representatives of interested organizations at the launch that the project was "about investing in people".

"It is no good saying this is what the schools should do, and then ignoring the opportunity to help them to do it. The outcome we all hope for is to have young people leaving school ready and willing for work because they have some understanding of it."

Mr Dawe assured professional bodies that schools *wanted collaboration with industry* and commerce on whatever scale, and that it need not involve huge resources of cash or time. "We heartily encourage all professional associations and bodies to draw up a policy to involve their members with schools, and to make it widely known inside and outside their organization", he said.

Initially, a series of regional seminars will be organized so that interested people from schools, colleges, local authorities, business, commerce and the professional bodies can get together to discuss what is required and how best the aims of the project can be achieved.

The Manpower Services Commission suffers from constantly changing rules and staff and increasing bureacracy, according to a report published today.

The London Union of Youth Clubs, which operates an MSC-financed scheme to help young Londoners to find jobs, accuses the commission of making changes without sufficient consulation or consideration of their overall effect. It says the commission does not have experienced staff to follow through when changes are made, and that it fails to adapt procedures where they are inappropriate to particular cases.

It also complains that there appear to be no grievance procedures for the running of schemes, although there are for individuals. And further that despite constant efforts to change things for the better, no-one on the MSC listens to people at the grass-roots level.

The union says that attempts to bring the problems to the commission's attention "often apparently fall on deaf ears".

The MSC said the report would be studied by the commission's London region. *Youth and Community Work and Training with Young Unemployed Adults* (London Union of Youth Clubs, 64 Camberwell Road, London SE5 OEN; £3).

Retracing a king's last steps



Mr Cliff Mitchell, a member of the King's Army, part of the English Civil War Society, with Thomas Gordon Morley, aged two and a half, after their parade and march in London yesterday down the Mall to Whitehall, the route of King Charles I's last walk. The society re-enacts the battles of King Charles and Parliament between 1642-49. Charles was defeated and, after his detention and trial, executed on January 30, 1649. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

WHITEHALL BRIEF
by David Walker

A Solomon with a herculean task



Albert Fallows: guardian of Edwardian probity.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is inclined to blame the nation's ills on the state apparatus created by post-war socialists. In fact the Government's power rests as much on rules enacted by her Victorian predecessors and on machinery created by that unique Edwardian, David Lloyd George.

Indeed, over the next couple of years, Mrs Thatcher and her ministers will be relying heavily on a pillar of the Edwardian state called the Valuation Office, established when Lloyd George was chancellorship of the exchequer in 1910.

At its head is the Chief Valuer. The merest suspicion during months to come that the Chief Valuer - Albert Fallows - does not have the judgement of Solomon could cost the politicians dear.

The Valuation Office recently sent a statutory form to every shopkeeper, publican, and factory owner in England and Wales: in short, it has been in touch with the Conservative Party's natural constituency.

It was to tell them that ministers have decreed business is about to go through a painful process, the like of which has not been seen (south of the Scottish Border) since 1973. There is to be a revaluation of all non-domestic property.

As part of the local government finance package, the Valuation Office is to put a contemporary value on every commercial property. Mr Fallows must get it right because revaluation is going to increase the rates bill for a large number of businesses.

Even if the arithmetic leaves an equal number of properties better off (for example, factories in the North), there is bound to be loud complaint. MPs face vocal lobbying. What ministers need to fend off the inevitable protests is a shield.

The Valuation Office's reputation for Edwardian probity coupled with street credibility in its property assessments will serve them well. The office is part of the Inland Revenue; Mr Fallows bears the seal of a member of its board. He is, like his Revenue colleagues, the ultimate citizen above suspicion. As long as the Valuation Office is irreproachable in its techniques and operation, ministers are covered.

Like the Revenue the Valuation Office has a distinctive pride in the job. It comes from the expertise of its surveyors and a history of operating outside the Whitehall mainstream, away from too close a connection with politicians. When Mr Fallows' colleagues refer to him as "chief" it is with a keen sense of corporate identification.

Fallows and his two deputies, Rex Shutler and Peter Heard, are fellows of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors; professionals make up about a quarter of the total staff of 6,000 at London headquarters and the 130 local offices. It is, Fallows says proudly, "the biggest organization of its kind in the world".

The Valuation Office now has to revalue two million non-domestic properties which were worth £4 billion when last valued, in 1973.

Making an assessment is only the first stage. Ratepayers have the right to appeal against valuations. Since appeals are what private firms of surveyors make their living from, the Valuation Office case load will be massive.

Knowledge of how to carry out a nationally integrated property revaluation involving 568,000 shops, 202,000 offices, nearly 400,000 factories and a host of miscellaneous properties is desperately scarce. Mrs Thatcher, who is not known to be greatly appreciative of Civil Servants, will have reason to value her valuers.

£40,000 poll tax bill for Buckingham Palace

By Alan Hamilton

The residents of Buckingham Palace are likely to have to find nearly £40,000 a year to Westminster City Council when the Government introduces the community charge to replace local rates in 1990.

Only three members of the Royal Family now have their home in Westminster's most desirable residence, but an estimated 100 staff and their families of the Royal Household live in the Palace and the adjoining Royal Mews. All but one will be liable for the community charge.

The Queen will be exempt, as she is from all taxation, but Prince Philip and Prince Edward, for whom the Palace is their principal home, will have to pay an estimated £396 each, as will all the staff, their wives and children who live there.

The figure of £396 has been calculated by the Department of the Environment on the basis of Westminster Council's current level of spending, and may well have risen in two years' time.

The Palace was unable to say whether the staff would have to pay poll tax from their wages, or whether their employer would find the money from her public or privy purses.

Poll tax will also fall heavily on Kensington Palace, affecting 16 members of royalty, including the families of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, and Princess Margaret, together with a small number of live-in staff. The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea confirmed that it would expect them all to pay.

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Manila rebels say Britons are target

Manila — Communist guerrillas operating in urban assassination squads against soldiers and policemen have said that British intelligence agents are involved in the counter-insurgency campaign here and may become assassination targets (Humphrey Hawksley writes). Speaking from a hideout in Manila to *The Australian* newspaper, two guerrilla spokesmen said that Britons, Australians, Israelis and Americans were helping the Government.

"Whoever is actively engaged in counter-insurgency operations are targets," said one of the spokesmen, who gave his name only as Jesse. He said that his group was considering assassinating the US Ambassador to Manila, Mr Nicholas Platt, but added: "We will give him ample time and warning before we do it." The spokesmen are senior members of the Alex Boncayao Brigade — named after a rebel leader killed by the security forces in 1982.

Tehran sentence

Mr Roger Cooper, the British businessman and journalist held in Tehran's Evin prison for two years on charges of spying for Britain, is awaiting the decision of Iran's highest court on the validity of a death sentence passed by a lower court (Hazhir Teimourian writes).

Sources close to the Tehran Government do not expect him to be executed: "His case is political".

The Supreme Islamic Court in the holy city of Qom normally ratifies all death sentences sent to it, "but Mr Cooper is a foreigner and the Government is aware that countries have certain levers of pressure at their disposal".

Abortions wrangle

Washington — The Reagan Administration faces a rash of lawsuits this week to block a move that would stop almost all family planning clinics from giving advice or help to women who may want an abortion (Christopher Thomas writes).

The Department of Health and Human Services has ruled that family planning programmes which receive federal funds must not offer abortion counselling or refer women to abortion clinics, and cannot lobby or engage in legal action to increase the availability of terminations.

Family planning campaigners are challenging the regulations, due to take effect on March 3.

PLO radio inquiry

The Palestine Liberation Organization said yesterday that it has been operating British-made Racal wirelesses for 14 years, but that they were used only for office communications in African and Asian bureaux (Nicholas Beeston writes). The PLO's London representative said he was not aware of a 1981 deal with Racal-Tacticom Ltd.

Downing Street and the Department of Trade and Industry yesterday launched an inquiry into allegations that the deputy managing-director of Racal-Tacticom, Mr Geoffrey Bennett, organized the direct sale to the PLO.

Russians end visit

Los Angeles — Twenty Soviet scientists and diplomats have ended an historic week-long inspection of the US nuclear test site in the Nevada desert as part of the reciprocal arrangements agreed under the Geneva arms reduction negotiations (Ivor Davis writes).

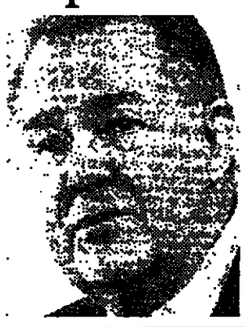
A US team completed its visit last week to the Soviet test site at Semipalatinsk. The next step in the confidence-building measures will be visits during actual nuclear testing.

Tobacco on trial

Philadelphia — America's tobacco companies won temporary respite this weekend after a jury in Lexington, Mississippi, failed to reach a verdict in a case that pitted the cigarette-makers against a victim of lung cancer (Charles Bremner writes). However, a similar case is due to open today in Newark, New Jersey.

Legal experts say it is only a matter of time before a precedent-setting damages claim against the tobacco companies is upheld.

Meese role explored



Washington — The lawyer investigating the role of Mr Edwin Meese, right, the US Attorney-General, in a $1 billion Iraqi pipeline project has told Administration officials his inquiry has become "very serious" (Christopher Thomas writes). One report said that the lawyer, Mr James McKay, is examining whether Mr Meese violated the Act which makes him responsible for prosecuting Americans who try to bribe foreign officials.

EEC showdown looms over the budget dispute

Mrs Thatcher tomorrow meets Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany, which currently has the presidency of the EEC. This follows the Prime Minister's talks on Friday with President Mitterrand of France and M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister.

Apart from European dissents, the main object of this burst of Anglo-German-French diplomacy is intense last-minute manoeuvring over the EEC's financial crisis in the run-up to the European summit here in just over a week's time.

EEC foreign ministers meet today in a final "conclave" to try to avert a showdown at the summit. But, despite the diplomacy, a showdown is what now appears most likely, not least because of an ill-judged attempt by Paris and Bonn to put pressure on Mrs Thatcher by threatening to re-open the question of Britain's budget rebate. Because Britain benefits less than the others from the much-criticized common agricultural policy, it is paid back nearly £1 billion out of its gross budget contribution of some £3 billion a year.

The emergency Brussels summit is the third attempt to solve the financial crisis. It follows the Brussels summit in June last year, when Mrs Thatcher insisted on strict and binding limits to farm spending rather than palliatives, and the Copenhagen meeting in December when much the same happened — only in a far better-tempered atmosphere. "This time we cannot fail," one EEC official said.

The sense of urgency arises because agricultural spending has continued to soar, despite well-meant efforts to contain it.

EEC outlays have begun to outstrip income under the 1.4 per cent ceiling on national VAT contributions to EEC coffers, a limit set four years ago. Funds for farm subsidies and storage are running at nearly £20 billion a year, or two-thirds of the total budget. According to the European Commission, these funds will simply run dry in the summer.

With the outline of a package dimly visible at last and time running out, France and West Germany seem to have hit on a device for forcing Mrs Thatcher to agree to the draft tabled last June and given more detail in December. It has been more or less accepted by all

Brussels View
By Richard Owen

EEC members except Britain and, to a lesser extent, The Netherlands.

The package on agriculture involves "stabilizers", the mechanism favoured by Mrs Thatcher under which farmers are strictly penalized for over-production.

But the stabilizers pushed through the council so far by Bonn, especially in the all-important cereals and oilseeds sectors, have been watered down and are seen by Britain as unacceptably feeble.

Moreover, the package has a strong element of "set aside", the scheme favoured by Bonn for taking land out of production and compensating farmers. Britain says that this is designed to avoid the pain of real adjustment to market realities and would be difficult to operate.

Other EEC states also have problems with parts of the reform package. Italy still objects to partly shifting the basis of revenues from VAT to gross national product, since Italy's large black economy makes calculating its GNP a sensitive matter. And all the southern countries want a doubling of the regional funds, rather than the 50 per cent increase being offered.

But the heart of the matter is farm reform. The Franco-German approach — which Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, hinted at last week — amounts to a barely disguised threat: if Britain agrees to the farm compromise supported by 10 of the member states, then the other countries will refrain from re-opening the British budget rebate negotiated in 1984 after Mrs Thatcher's campaign of "we want our money back".

The arguments for revising the rebate system do have some force. Circumstances have changed since 1984 and Britain is more prosperous — and, therefore, able to pay more into the Community.

Moreover, if the very basis of EEC revenues is to be altered, it follows that Britain's contribution (and rebate) may well have to be recalculated. But Paris and Bonn may have badly misread Mrs Thatcher's likely response if they think they have made her an offer she cannot refuse. On the contrary, the Prime Minister positively relishes refusing offers of this kind, and in the past has shown no hesitation about risking "Thatcher versus the rest" headlines if she believes she is right.

"No trade-offs," one British diplomat said when asked if Britain would agree to Bonn's farm package provided the rebate were left on one side.

Investigator will examine 'Waldheim death order'

By Our Foreign Staff

A member of the commission investigating the activities of President Waldheim of Austria was due to leave for Yugoslavia last night to authenticate a document allegedly implicating the President in the transport of more than 4,000 women, children and old men to concentration camps during his German Army war service in the Balkans.

Herr Hans Rudolf Kurz, the Swiss chairman of a historians' commission investigating Dr Waldheim's wartime activities, said in Vienna that a fellow investigator, Herr Manfred Messerschmidt, was travelling to Zagreb to examine the document, a copy of which the West German magazine, *Der Spiegel*, will publish today.

The document, reported to have been obtained by *Der Spiegel* from Yugoslavia for $100,000 (£62,500), purports to be a telegram sent in July 1942 to a commander, advising that a Lieutenant Kurt Waldheim sought the deportation of more than 4,000 Yugoslav civilians. Many of the deportees were said to have died later in Nazi camps.

A spokesman in Vienna for Dr Waldheim, who has consistently denied any part in Nazi war crimes, said the document was an "obvious forgery".

Herr Kurz said his colleague, Herr Messerschmidt, a West German historian, would seek to examine the paper on which the document was written and its seal. According to *Der Spiegel*, the telegram was provided by a Yugoslav military historian, Mr Dusan Plenca, who claims to have discovered it only recently in a Zagreb archive.

Mr Plenca has so far refused to produce the document or other evidence to the Austrian government-funded commission.

Mr Plenca maintained in Belgrade at the weekend that his documents clearly showed that Dr Waldheim played a role in ruthless reprisals against the civilian population in the Kozara mountains, where in 1942 the Germans conducted military operations against Tito's partisans.

"Dr Waldheim did not himself kill people, but he prepared them for death, he received and carried out orders," Mr Plenca said.

The commission, which questioned Dr Waldheim for four hours last Thursday, is due to issue its report on February 8.

Asked on Austrian radio before his departure for Yugoslavia if the document proved Dr Waldheim was involved in war crimes, Herr Messerschmidt replied: "If it is correct and proper, it is a document which would bring him into closest connection with such things."

Der Spiegel's purported copy of the document, dated July 22, 1942, and sent by a Croat, Colonel Fedor Dragojlov, to his headquarters reads: "Most urgent. Lieutenant Kurt Waldheim of General Stahl's staff requests that 4,224 prisoners from Kozara, consisting mostly of women, children and about 15 per cent old men, be sent on their way: 3,514 to Grubisino Polje and 730 to Zemun (Semlin)."

The two destinations were transit camps run by the pro-Nazi Croats. *Der Spiegel* attributes the difference of 20 prisoners between the total and individual batch numbers — which, it adds, included many Jews — to the haste in which the allegedly damning telegram was written.

Princess stands tall in beach line-up



The Princess of Wales with members of a surf lifesaving club at Terrigal Beach, near Sydney, after presenting an award.

Royal gown steals Sydney gala show

From Our Correspondent, Sydney

Australia's Bicentenary Wool Collection was billed last night as the biggest fashion parade the world has ever seen, but it was the royal guest of honour who inevitably stole the show. None of the fashions displayed by 55 international models at the Sydney Opera House could match the gown worn by the Princess of Wales, the creation of her favourite British designer, Bruce Oldfield, a full-length royal blue dress with double-breasted satin jacket.

A huge diamond star in her hair with matching necklace and ear-rings put the finishing touches to the royal fashion show as nine of the world's top designers joined forces, using wool for their creations and Australia as their inspiration.

For almost three hours the models set about their task of showing why wool is this year expected to overtake coal as Australia's most valuable export, earning more than £2 billion, and lending truth to those clichés about the economy riding on the sheep's back.

Britain's representatives in the fashion extravaganza were Jean Muir, who used the bright colours of Australia's tropical fish to enhance the classic elegance of her garments, and Oldfield, who reflected an Aboriginal influence with his use of their colours of red, black and yellow.

Other leading designers taking part were Oscar de la Renta and Donna Karan from the United States, Gianni Versace and Missoni from Italy, and Sonia Rykiel, Kenzo and Claude Montana from France.

Never before have so many famous designers combined for one event, and despite some last minute backstage squabbles and tantrums, the gala proved a success, with the Princess enthralled and the Prince of Wales delighted to meet the glamorous models after the show.

Earlier in the day, the royal couple had travelled by boat to Gosford City, 50 miles north of Sydney en route to a surf carnival. Their vessel, the Solitude, did not enjoy much of that, pursued and buffeted by the wash of 500 small boats and pleasure craft as the Princess in the scorching heat kicked off her shoes on deck.

The Prince forgot his briefcase, which police had to retrieve and deliver by helicopter. It contained a speech he had prepared for the thousands waiting to greet them at Gosford and from nearby Woy Woy, the home town of Spike Milligan, the former Goon, described yesterday as the only person in Woy Woy who can afford a suit.

Surveying the crowd casually attired in beachwear, the Prince remarked: "I can quite see why Spike Milligan is the only person with a suit, and he's quite mad enough to wear it."

A cooling breeze made it more tolerable for the hour-long surf carnival at Terrigal Beach.

A thirsty Prince called for an Australian lager made famous by the comedian Paul Hogan, while the Princess, still queasy after the boat trip, sipped orange juice. But she recovered in time to present the Princess of Wales Plate to the six lifeguards who won the surf lifesaving competition.

"Made my day," the Princess told the team captain from South Curl Curl, James Newman. As they all posed for photographs on the sand, she joked: "I'm taller than all of you."

It was the first time during the tour that the Princess had looked remotely comfortable in the Australian heat and sunshine.

Plea to Rabin in Arab critic's prayers

From Ian Murray
Nazareth

Prayers were read for Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, in Christchurch Anglican Church here yesterday by one of his most dedicated critics, Canon Riah Abu al-Assad.

Canon al-Assad is one of only six Israeli Arabs ever to have been placed under "country arrest", which means that for the past 18 months he has not been allowed to leave Israel, even to visit the occupied West Bank and Gaza. He was a prime mover of December's general strike by Israeli Arabs and their demonstration last month in Nazareth.

Neither of these events was as peaceful or effective as he had hoped, but both point to what he is now sure is "the beginning of the end" of the Israeli occupation.

During the special service for peace yesterday, he prayed for Mr Rabin as "a sick man who needs our prayers. Denounce your deeds, the work you do, but we assure you our prayer is that you wake up refreshed by humanity".

Canon al-Assad has been horrified by the treatment of children since the demonstrations began nearly two months ago and is planning his next protest accordingly. He wants to take schoolchildren to stand outside Mr Rabin's home carrying placards with the names of the 22 children under 18 who have died. "It will be noontime, but the children will carry candles to show that it is dark around there."

The Christchurch congregation is only 300 strong, but Canon al-Assad has a loud voice in Palestinian protest, which has led to his country arrest. He believes this punishment has been counter-productive because it has meant more people around the world have heard of him.

Canon al-Assad believes his links with Muslim leaders are better than those with other Christian churches. "The Church here seems to be more concerned with the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, with the stones of the holy shrines, than with the stones that have been used by the Palestinian children in the camps."

He has been watching Israeli television films of the Holocaust. "They show the way the Jewish children were beaten by the Nazis. Then on the news I see what they are doing in Gaza.

"They do not realize that it is the question of what is right and what is wrong, not who is right and what is wrong. They call Palestinians 'terrorists', then do the same thing in Lebanon and call their soldiers 'heroes'."

These are views which keep him on the wrong side of the Israeli authorities, and yet he is courted by senior politicians.

Top Syrian sure of Schray release

West Beirut — Brigadier-General Ghazi Kanaan, the head of Syrian Army intelligence in Lebanon, yesterday said he was confident that a West German engineer kidnapped in west Beirut last week would be freed soon (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes). His words coincided with new Iranian assurances that Tehran was pursuing the release of Herr Ralph Schray and other foreigners held hostage. General Kanaan said that the release was "only a question of time". He did not elaborate, but his statement appeared in line with reports saying that his warnings of military action had persuaded the kidnappers.

According to reliable sources, the Syrians are convinced that the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God) did not play any role in the Schray kidnap. Mr Kamal Kharrazi, the head of the Iranian war information office who is visiting Beirut, was quoted as saying that Tehran was "against any kidnapping" and was trying to get all the hostages freed.

Battle over Contra aid

Sandinistas play for time

From Martha Honey, San José, Cosa Rica

The battle for the hearts and minds of the US Congress, which is to vote this week on a new Contra aid package, continues to be played out in Central America.

Nicaraguan government officials say they are pleased that the first face-to-face talks with the Contras, held here last week, did not break down and that a second round has been scheduled for mid-month, keeping alive the negotiating process until after the Contra aid vote.

Contra officials, while publicly supporting the talks, say privately they put little faith in them and are pinning their hopes on congressional approval of the $36.6 million (about £20.7 million) requested by President Reagan.

A quick breakdown in the talks would have helped the Contras' chances in Congress. For that reason, the Sandinistas came to the talks determined to be conciliatory and the Contras were trapped. They could not afford to be seen by Congress as uninterested in a negotiated settlement.

Observers here point out that the Nicaraguan Government, under severe strains from the war and the rapidly deteriorating economy, appears to be firmly at the bargaining table.

The Sandinistas have continued to make almost daily new concessions and reforms almost daily. In recent days they have agreed to greater press freedoms and have freed a captured US Contra supporter, Mr James Denby.

Costa Rican government, press and diplomatic sources say President Arias, architect of the peace plan and an influential critic of Contra aid, has been pressured by US officials not to say anything publicly against Contra aid before this Wednesday, because it could influence the vote in the US Congress.

One well-informed Western ambassador said he was told by Costa Rican officials that three US officials — including the National Security Adviser, General Colin Powell — who called on President Arias the day before the Contra-Sandinista talks here, "have twisted Arias's arms heavily".

Democrats slaughter sacred cows in a search for winning ideas

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Mr Gary Hart insists that his reason for returning to the presidential race was because none of the other Democratic candidates was addressing the issues. "The power of ideas" was the asset compensating for his lack of staff and money, he boasted.

Fellow-Democrats remain unconvinced. The six rival candidates insist with some justification that they have done at least as much thinking about the issues as Mr Hart, sharpening their ideas on the campaign trail while he was secluded in Troublesome Gulch.

Indeed, the 94-page booklet Mr Hart now brandishes as evidence of his political vision shows scant advance in thinking on his 1984 campaign. It has nothing to say on the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty, on the changing Soviet-American relationship, or the current row over aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

Issues may not be the stuff of this election, which seems to turn still on perceptions of stature and personality. But in the end they will be decisive.

The Democrats, as a party, have long known this. The devastating Reagan landslide of 1984 made it painfully clear that they must fill their armouries not only with cash but with intellectual detonators to shake, if not destroy, the framework laid down by two terms of Reaganism.

Where should they seek their new ideas? Unfortunately for the party, many of the old wells have run dry. The "think tanks" of the old liberal establishment — the East Coast universities, the philanthropic foundations and institutions studying government — have been eclipsed by more zealous pressure groups on the right.

It is the conservative "think tanks" which now advance a determinedly political agenda, enjoying a boom as corporate money flows to those with lines open to the White House.

Nevertheless, newer and smaller lobby groups have sprung up representing specific constituencies of growing importance to Democrats: women's issues, the allocation of resources between old and young, children's defence funds, environmental activists.

The labour movement, the old bedrock of Democratic support, no longer has much to offer the party. It has seen its influence in American life decline sharply as union membership falls, heavy industries contract, and right-to-work laws cut into union negotiators' influence.

A powerful group of Democrats have turned their backs on traditional special interest groups and have attempted to capture some of the country's new mood with the setting up of the Democratic Leadership Council. The aim is to re-examine old policies, to slaughter those sacred cows that cluttered up the barn, to respond intellectually to the movement of the population south-west.

The group, led by such heavyweights as Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, the former Governor of Virginia, Mr Charles Robb, and the congressman, Mr Richard Gephardt, have little time for ideology or liberal causes; they are interested in efficiency, fiscal conservatism, strong defence and new technology. It has inevitably been seen as a movement to pull the party to the right.

This in turn has produced a counter-reaction from the liberals, who insist the Democrats must still be the party with the social conscience, whose priorities are civil and social rights, eliminating poverty, making government compassionate, cutting weapons instead of building up strength.

The Americans for Democratic Action have accused the right wing of abandoning the party base, of trimming to the mood of the self-centred 1980s. Their philosophy is embodied in the candidacy of Senator Paul Simon, who proudly presents himself as the inheritor of the late Hubert Humphrey's philosophy.

But there is one neglected source of ideas which is perhaps having the most important influence of all on the party: the state capitols of the nation. Local Democratic parties are undergoing a renaissance and it is the Democratic governors, rather than the senators and congressmen, who are making reputations for innovation and efficiency.

They are the men who are testing new ideas in the practice of government, who are grappling with the limits of spending and the intractable issues of poverty and jobs. Mr Bruce Babbitt and Mr Michael Dukakis are two candidates who can back their proposals with solid records in Arizona and Massachusetts. The new Democrats in state government are mostly young, pragmatic, highly educated men who bring no political baggage to their jobs but are open to ideas from all sources.

Nevertheless, this election campaign has so far produced little intellectual ferment. It is hard for both parties to show government solving problems. Republicans do not think this is the role of government, and Democrats recognize there is no money to fund the solutions they would like.

Every year the Democrats gather for a weekend in the mountains of West Virginia to review their message and their strategy. This month they again met in the elegant surroundings of the Greenbrier resort, aware that their agenda had to be full, their message forceful, not only in the campaign for the White House but for a strong push to maintain their majorities on Capitol Hill and in state legislatures.

Children, education, family issues were among the themes the party saw as election issues Republicans will try to claim as their territory, and which the Democrats will try to wrest back.

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Red Brigades plot to kill politicians foiled by the police

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Police have thwarted a plot by the Red Brigades, one of Europe's most active terrorist groups, to kill at least two leading Italian politicians, according to disclosures at the weekend.

The apparent revival of the terrorist threat has come at a *delicate time for Italy*, which is debating whether to grant an amnesty to hundreds of men and women involved in the political violence of the 1970s. The amnesty could have come as early as next month, the tenth anniversary of the kidnapping of Aldo Moro, the *Christian Democrat* Prime Minister who was later murdered by the Red Brigades. Now it seems that the successors to the original Red Brigades — the Union of Fighting Communists — planned its own anniversary celebrations.

The main targets were the two most important politicians in Italy: Signor Ciriaco de Mita, chairman of the Christian Democratic Party, and Signor Bettino Craxi, leader of the Socialist Party. According to Signor de Mita, a suspected terrorist arrested last week was prowling within a few hundred yards of his flat in a smart Roman suburb. The man, Signor Antonino Fosso, a self-confessed member of the Union of Fighting Communists, admitted that Signor de Mita was in the sights of the terrorists.

Maps and documents were found on the man, and it was plain that he was not acting alone. Over the weekend known sympathizers of the UFC have been brought in for questioning and Digos, the *main anti-terrorist intelligence* branch, has stepped up surveillance work.

Asked to comment on the de Mita affair, a spokesman for Signor Craxi promptly revealed that the former Socialist Prime Minister was also on the hit list. An attempt on his life was apparently foiled on Friday afternoon near Signor Craxi's house in Milan. Signor Craxi was in Rome at the time.

The prosecutor's office, which usually springs leaks like a watering can, is strangely silent. This has allowed the politicians to take over the reins of gossip and a certain "assassination chic" is in the air with some otherwise second-league deputies saying that they, too, have been marked out.

Even discounting Roman bombast, something sinister seems to be afoot. The Union of Fighting Communists has been staging a number of bank raids over the past year, sometimes alone and sometimes with the help of organized crime. This was assumed to be to cover the normal expenses of terrorism: shifting apartments, respraying stolen cars. But it may be that the terrorists are planning *to sabotage, once and for all*, the prospects of an amnesty for their jailed colleagues.

They rightly fear that the public freeing of so many reformed terrorists — the unreformed ones would stay behind bars — would finally discredit their cause. But their action also plays into the hands of those hardline politicians who want to stop the amnesty in its tracks, both *because it might glorify past* violence and because some murky facts about the Moro affair might emerge.

Secret (that is, in Italian terms, written about but not televised) talks have been conducted between two important Christian Democrat politicians — Signor Flamino Piccoli and the former Interior Minister, Signor Oscar Luigi Scalfaro — and the jailed older generation of the Red Brigades on the terms of an amnesty.

Madrid — Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, has interpreted correctly the mood of the country by refusing to negotiate with the Basque separatist group, Eta, according to an opinion poll published by *El País* yesterday (Richard Wigg writes).

A nationwide sampling, conducted 24 hours after Eta's offer of a 60-day truce was made known, suggested that 49 per cent of Spaniards were behind the Government's decision, with 42 per cent favouring acceptance of the truce.

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Greeks and Turks steer way to Aegean pact

Davos, Switzerland (AP) — The Prime Ministers of Greece and Turkey, in the first high-level official talks between the two countries in a decade, yesterday agreed to work towards "lasting peaceful relations" and said they would meet *at least* once a year.

A joint communiqué released after the two-day meeting *between Mr* Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, and his Turkish counterpart, Mr Turgut Ozal, also set out plans for a direct telephone line and the establishment of a business council or a "joint" chamber of commerce and industry.

The Prime Ministers, both Western-trained economists, were attending an international economic forum in *this* Swiss Alpine resort, and met in an "atmosphere of understanding and good will", according to the statement.

They "further elaborated" on the dispute over Aegean seabed oil rights which brought Greece and Turkey to the brink of war last March, the communiqué said.

"They agreed that from now on such a crisis should never be repeated and both sides must concentrate their efforts for the establishment of lasting peaceful relations."

The statement added that *Mr Ozal and Mr Papandreou* had agreed to set up two committees to explore areas of co-operation in such fields as their economies, joint ventures, trade, tourism, communications and cultural exchanges.

The Prime Ministers would explore ways of making progress, but the statement did not say when the committees would be set up, or whether the two leaders had scheduled another meeting already.



Mr Papandreou, left, and Mr Ozal, setting the seal in Davos on a new era in their relations.

Mr Ozal and Mr Papandreou also agreed to encourage increased contacts between their *civilian and military* officials, and the press and business communities of both countries, at the same time acknowledging that the creation of improved relations and confidence would require "resolve, time and hard work".

The statement was read to reporters in Greek by Mr *Papandreou, in Turkish by Mr* Ozal and in English by an organizer of the Davos conference. But the two leaders declined to answer questions at their joint public appearance.

Mr Cem Duna, a foreign affairs adviser to Mr Ozal, told reporters that the agreement was "very, very encouraging". "It is a very good one, but it is important that we follow up on all that is in the statement."

Asked whether the agreements would prove to be *feasible, Mr Duna said: "It is* very difficult to speculate."

He said no dates had been set for when the agreements would be *put into* effect.

The main issues of dispute between the two countries concern the division of Cyprus, seabed mineral rights in the Aegean, control of Aegean airspace, the limits of territorial waters, and the militarization of Greek islands near Turkey's Aegean coast.

Officials from both sides had said before the Davos meeting that those issues were not expected to be resolved. The meeting had widely been expected to be the start of a process of dialogue and confidence *building*.

Mr Papandreou and Mr Ozal both attended a similar conference in Davos two years ago, *but only shook* hands and did not hold substantial talks.

The last formal high-level contact between Greek and Turkish leaders *was in* 1978, in Montreux, Switzerland, when President Karamanlis of Greece met Turkey's then Prime Minister, Mr Bulent Ecevit.

Yesterday's statement said that problems between the two countries had been created over time partly because "certain circles" had in the past exploited "different approaches".

● *LONDON:* The Greek opposition leader, Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, begins an official four-day visit to Britain today when he tours the City and Docklands area.

The leader of the conservative New Democracy Party will have separate meetings with Mrs Thatcher and the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, on Wednesday morning. There are no plans for him to meet the Labour or Alliance leaderships.

Saudi held over death of Briton

Saudi police have detained a Saudi national, believed to be a high-ranking serviceman, in connection with the killing of a British hospital technician at *a party in Riyadh last Thurs*day (Sam Kiley writes).

Mr Simon Hughes, aged 36, from Norwich, an unmarried contract worker, was shot, according to diplomatic sources, after a row between himself, the man now being held, and a British nurse.

Climbers die

Timaru (Reuter) — Two climbers, believed *to be Britons, fell* to their deaths on the 12,000ft Mount Cook, the highest peak in New Zealand.

Bengalis shot

Agartala (Reuter) — Tribal separatists in the north-east *Indian state of Tripura* shot dead 30 Bengali immigrants.

Nuclear hope

Moscow (Reuter) — The area around the Chernobyl nuclear power station, scene of the 1986 disaster, is sufficiently decontaminated for people to live there, a leading Soviet medical scientist said.

World record

Seattle (AFP) — A Boeing 747 jet flew round the world in 36 hours, 54 minutes and 15 seconds — cutting eight hours off the record — while philanthropists on board raised £282,000 for charity.

Douglas firm

Wellington (AP) — Mr Roger Douglas, the New Zealand Finance Minister, said he would not resign over the postponement of a radical economic reform package he had advocated.

Tiger traffic

***Hong Kong* (Reuter)** — Customs officers detained a man arriving from China under endangered species laws after they found tiger paws, much prized for Chinese traditional medicine, in his lorry.

Ecuador's presidential election

Rivalry spices tale of two cities

From Geoffrey Matthews, Quito

In prim and proper Quito they say that President León Febres Cordero is going out the same way he came in: with a characteristic act of political foul play. But down in Guayaquil, where all's fair in love and wheeler-dealer politics, they would be outraged by such slander against a native favourite son.

In short, Ecuadorean politics have always been a tale of two cities, a tradition that seemed certain to continue yesterday in the first leg of the presidential elections to choose the successor to Señor Febres.

In South America rivalry between haughty inland capitals and upstart commercial-industrial second cities, between introvert *serranos* (highlanders) of the Andean interior and extrovert *costeños* (lowlanders) of the coastal regions, between vaunted culture and supposed vulgarity, is proverbial. But in Ecuador such contrasts seem particularly sharp.

The explanation may simply be a matter of girth. Latin *American capitals tend to* dwarf all other cities in both urban sprawl and population. Not so Quito, the world's second highest capital (after La Paz, Bolivia) perched almost two miles up on a plateau enclosed by mountains.

The presidential palace may be here, but the city has a distinctly provincial air to it, and its 1.5 million population is at least half a million fewer than its cocksure challenger some 170 miles away on the steaming hot Pacific coast, Guayaquil, a bustling port and business centre.

The *costeño* incumbent is heartily loathed in Quito. Indeed, yesterday it was clear that voters here would go to the polls with undisguised relish to start the process of bidding him *"Adiós, gracias!"* (goodbye and good riddance). His right-wing Government is considered to have been unduly hostile towards Congress *and the judiciary (both dominated* by the left), indifferent to the poor and middle class in its pursuit of rigid monetarist policies which have won praise from international *banks, flagrantly corrupt* in favours to businesses owned by his relatives and cronies, and prone to dirty tricks.

Even in his final days, the Quiteños complain, he has been unable to control his wheeler-dealer instincts. It is alleged that in efforts to maintain his Social Christian Party (PSC) in office, he offered a huge bribe to a fringe candidate of the right to withdraw and so consolidate the conservative vote behind the PSC standard-bearer, Señor Sixto Durán Ballén.

There is speculation that he might cling to power with military support.

Ecuador is South America's second smallest republic (after Uruguay), though in size slightly bigger than the United Kingdom. There has been no census recently, but its population is estimated at about 10 million and its electorate at slightly less than five million.

This is the third presidential election since Ecuador returned to democratic rule nine years ago.

Ecuadoreans must vote by law, and they have no fewer than 10 candidates from the right to the far left from whom to choose. The field is widely perceived as dull and uninspiring. Theoretically if a candidate has won 51 per cent of yesterday's vote, he will be President-elect and will take office in August. But that is not likely to have happened, and another ballot will be necessary on May 8 between the two finalists.

The various presidential and vice-presidential tickets are all carefully balanced between Quito and Guayaquil, and typically the race reflects *the rivalry between the two* cities since most observers expect the finalists to emerge as Señor Rodrigo Borja Cevallos, of the social democratic Izquierda Democrática, who was narrowly beaten by President Febres in 1984, and the PSC's Señor Durán. Señor Borja is a highlander, Señor Duran from the coast. However, not everyone regards Señor Durán's success as assured.

Strauss accused of damage to Bonn apartheid stand

From John England, Bonn

A fresh row has broken out in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's centre-right coalition over a visit to southern Africa by Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the right-wing Prime Minister of Bavaria.

The Free Democrats of Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, who is an implacable foe of apartheid, have accused Herr Strauss of condoning the system and undermining theofficial Bonn policy on South Africa.

Herr Kohl, who sent Herr Strauss to South Africa and Mozambique to check on developments there, is also reported to be displeased because he apparently exceeded his brief by visiting two black "homelands" as well as Namibia.

Herr Strauss angered his critics upon his return from his 12-day trip at the weekend by saying that he was at one with Herr Genscher's goal in South Africa, but the latter's policies were making difficult a solution to the problems there. If one wanted a final end to apartheid, he added, one must make it possible for South Africa to develop economically.

Herr Strauss said that President Botha of South Africa had promised him that he would "seriously examine" the apartheid laws. South Africa, Herr Strauss added, was in a transitory phase and faced two possibilities — either peaceful development or revolutionary agitation leading to civil war.

He also described the United Nations resolution of 1978 on Namibia as "no longer up to date". It must be reviewed in the light of present conditions, although *there must be free elections.*

However, Herr Strauss rejected allegations that he had "bowed the knee" to Mr *Botha and failed to speak out* for human rights in South Africa as "plain lies". He said he had pressed "as discreetly as possible" for the release of Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the banned African National Congress, and had taken up the cases of many other prisoners.

He had been promised that a total of 121 cases would be reviewed, and, according to official South African sources, 99 prisoners had already been released, of whom 75 had been freed unconditionally.

The Free Democrats and the *Social Democratic* opposition, however, are demanding that Herr Strauss's trip be discussed by the Bonn Cabinet and in the Bundestag. Herr Genscher said yesterday that apartheid was not "reformable" and must be ended.

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the Social Democratic leader, described the journey as "an extraordinary scandal, even for Herr Strauss", who was damaging the image of the federal republic.

● **JOHANNESBURG:** Internecine black feuding claimed at least six more lives in townships near Pietermaritzburg at the weekend and led to further fighting and the burning of scores of shacks in the Crossroads squatter camp outside Cape Town (Michael Hornsby writes).

Sihanouk puts peace deal to Peking

By John Pedler

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the former ruler of Cambodia, holds talks in Peking with the Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Zhao Ziyang, today which could determine the fate of the peace initiative that has raised so many hopes in his war-torn country.

The discussions follow a largely successful round of negotiations outside Paris between the Prince and Mr Hun Sen, Cambodia's Vietnamese-backed Prime Minister, who discussed the proposed withdrawal of 100,000 Vietnamese troops from the country and installing a government of reconciliation. They are scheduled to meet again in Pyongyang in April.

The two Cambodian leaders are now attracted to a solution between themselves, but both fear a backlash from the powerful, Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge forces.

On Saturday Prince Sihanouk resigned as leader of the three-party Democratic Kampuchea coalition, which groups his forces, the Khmer Rouge and the Khmer People's Liberation Front headed by Mr Son Sann. His son, Prince Ranariddh, has taken charge of the Sihanouk forces.

Both the Prince and Mr Hun Sen agreed that the Vietnamese troops in Cambodia could withdraw in stages and complete a pull-out by 1990. But it is still not clear how they hope to neutralize



Prince Sihanouk: Peking talks after resignation.

the 30,000-strong Khmer Rouge guerrillas, who were responsible for exterminating millions of Cambodians during their reign of terror in the late 1970s. Mr Hun Sen told *The Times* that Prince Sihanouk's smaller army could not achieve this.

Prince Sihanouk is expected to appeal to the Chinese to cease military aid to the Khmer Rouge and hopes to receive American backing for his efforts to form a new government.

The Cambodian Prime Minister said that Thailand appeared to be moving in this direction and would follow an American lead if a Sihanouk-Hun Sen government was to bring a withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia. But the Prince has told Mr Hun Sen that China would *never permit the dismantling* of the Khmer Rouge forces.

Both Mr Hun Sen's and Prince Sihanouk's associates spoke separately about the crucial importance of the US position.

'Sharpeville Six' face gallows

Plea for clemency to Botha

From Michael Hornsby, Sharpeville

A bare grass plot near the corner of Zwane and Nhlapo Streets in this rubbish-strewn black township is all that remains of the modest bungalow once occupied by Khuzwayo Diamini, formerly the deputy mayor of the Lekoa town council, under whose jurisdiction Sharpeville falls.

On September 3, 1984, an enraged mob attacked and burnt down his house. Diamini was felled by stones hurled by the crowd of about 100 people as he tried to escape over his garden fence. Several members of the crowd then dragged him unconscious into the street, poured petrol over him, and set him and his car on fire.

Three other township councillors died in a similarly gruesome fashion that day, which saw the start of two years' rioting and unrest nationally that claimed more than 2,500 black lives, partly in clashes with the police and partly in internecine black violence.

Five men and one woman *said to have been in the crowd* outside Diamini's home now sit in Pretoria Central Prison waiting to be hanged. Their appeal against conviction for murder was turned down on December 1 last year by the Supreme Court. Only clemency by President Botha can *save them from the gallows.*

The "Sharpeville Six", as they have come to be known, would make *improbable additions to the lengthening list of* black political martyrs: a waitress, a fruit vendor, a professional footballer, a quality inspector at a metal tube factory, a worker at an engineering firm and a trainee teacher.

Legally the case is without precedent because the court, in upholding the conviction of murder, accepted that it had "not been proved in the case of any of the six accused ... that their conduct had contributed causally to the death of the deceased".

The death sentence was upheld solely on the judgement that each of the six "shared a common purpose to kill the deceased with the mob as a whole, the members of which were intent upon killing the deceased and, in fact, succeeded in doing so".

For many years the concept of "common purpose" has been much debated in South African law. In the past, lower courts have given conflicting rulings. It is the first time that the highest court in the land has given a clear judgement.

Mr Edwin Cameron, an advocate and lecturer in law at *the University of the Wit*watersrand, said: "The appeal court ruling is now binding on all other courts.

"It obviously has far-reaching implications for other cases involving mob violence and political revolt. The extension of criminal liability, even to persons on the periphery of a crowd, seems to me deeply disturbing."

None of the accused was a known political activist. Father Patrick Nooman, an Irish Franciscan priest who has lived in Sharpeville for some years, knows one of the accused — the waitress, Theresa Ramashamola, aged 24 and unmarried. He has visited her several times in prison.

He said that she had "no understanding of politics" and he doubted whether she had even heard of the United Democratic Front, the umbrella anti-apartheid organization which has hundreds of affiliates in Sharpeville and other black townships across the nation. The UDF was behind the protests against proposed increases in council-house rents which triggered the unrest in Sharpeville and other townships on the day of Diamini's death.

Father Nooman said: "You have to understand the build-up to that day. There had been years of discontent with the government-sponsored councillors, who were seen as corrupt and lining their own pockets at the expense of the community. On September 3 the bubble burst and the people were caught up in a resulting violence."

Ramashamola was convicted on the evidence of a single state witness, who is believed to be a police informer, who claimed that she heard her shout "let him" and later to have seen her slap another woman who had pleaded with the mob not to burn Diamini.

Mrs Regina Sefatsa, whose husband, Reginald, a fruit vendor aged 30, is said to have thrown a stone at Diamini and to have been one of those who took the victim's pistol, claims that his grandson Sefatsa was visiting his mother at the time of the attack and arrived on the scene only after Diamini's body was removed by the police.

She said: "I know the way Diamini died was terrible and cannot be excused. But the way he asked for trouble, because when people came to complain about the rent increases he was very arrogant and said 'You are going to pay them whether you like it or not'."

When the crowd first gathered outside Diamini's house, the police had dispersed it with tear gas and rubber bullets and offered to evacuate him to safety. But he refused, and when the mob regrouped came out of his house and fired a shot with his pistol, wounding one person. This precipitated the final attack.

Requests for clemency have been sent to President Botha from the United Nations, the European Economic Community, the Organization of African Unity and other international bodies. Within South Africa, the churches are busy organizing mass petitions on behalf of the six. But Mr Botha is not a man easily moved by such appeals.

UK snubs Commonwealth on sanctions

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The gulf between Britain and the rest of the Commonwealth on the South African sanctions will be underlined today by its absence from talks called to consider how to tighten the screw on Pretoria.

Foreign ministers of eight member countries are to meet in Lusaka to inaugurate the Commonwealth Committee on South Africa, following instructions given by the Heads of *Government Conference in* Vancouver last October. They include Australia, Canada, India and Nigeria, but not Britain.

It is believed to be the first time Britain has declined to participate in an important Commonwealth committee. The Opposition calls it a boycott and plans to deplore it in *questions to the Foreign Secretary in* the Commons on Wedesday.

There is also widespread dismay among Liberal and Social Democratic MPs and a significant minority of Conservatives.

The criticism centres on fears that it will weaken the Commonwealth and reinforce an international impression that Britain is Pretoria's ally. There is also regret that the Government is allowing the moral leadership of the Commonwealth to drift from London towards Ottawa, whose External Affairs Secretary, Mr Joe Clark, is to chair the Lusaka meeting.

Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP for Leominster and vice-chairman of the Conservative Foreign Affairs Committee, told *The Times*: "The party would be divided down the middle if they really had to make up their minds (on sanctions).

"It is not right to stand alone decrying (further sanctions) when everyone else wants to make clear their disapproval of apartheid. It is putting undoubted stress on the Commonwealth. In a club that has a unique role in bringing together diverse leaders, something that sets us apart is not very healthy.

"Canada has always tried to exert a moral influence, and this role of co-ordinating, which was our role, is a natural for them," he added.

*Sir Russell Johnston, MP for In*verness and Liberal foreign affairs spokesman, said: "It is extremely regrettable that Britain is not taking part. It is very ironic that the meeting will be chaired by a Conservative Canadian minister. Even at this late stage we should reconsider."

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour MP for Manchester, Gorton, will be among MPs tackling the Foreign Secretary on Wednesday. "There is no doubt that it is disgraceful," he said. "The Government's attitude towards sanctions is discreditable. Britain's *reputation in the Commonwealth* and black Africa stands at a very low point."

Mr John Cartwright, MP for Wool*wich and SDP Whip, said:* "The strains (in the Commonwealth) are obviously there, and I wonder how long we can get away with this. It would be sad if Britain lost the leadership role, though it is supposed to be a Commonwealth of free and equal nations."

He added that Canada's increased *role was preferable to no leadership.*

In addition to the new foreign ministers' committee, Canada also heads a committee of High Commissioners of the 48 nations, including Britain's.

Its chairman, Mr Roy McMurtry, is also Canada's High Commissioner in London. He told *The Times:* "We are not trying to replace Britain's role, which we think is pretty fundamental to the Commonwealth, but as (other) countries mature one cannot assume that Britain is always going to provide the leadership."

Whitehall sources said that, although the Government would not contemplate further sanctions, it supported other aspects of the committee's work.

Mr Christopher Patten, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, somewhat softened the impact of today's boycott with his *announcement of a £10* million increase in Britain's aid to an organization representing the frontline states on Friday.

In a speech to the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference in Arusha, Tanzania, he emphasized Britain's opposition to apartheid.

He and Mr Clark hosted a joint Anglo-Canadian meeting on the fringes of the conference, hoping to attract more donor nations to help rebuild Mozambique's war-shattered railway infrastructure.

"It is a very good illustration of the strength of the relationship (between Britain and Canada), which in the minds of some people took a bit of a battering in Vancouver", Mr McMurtry said.

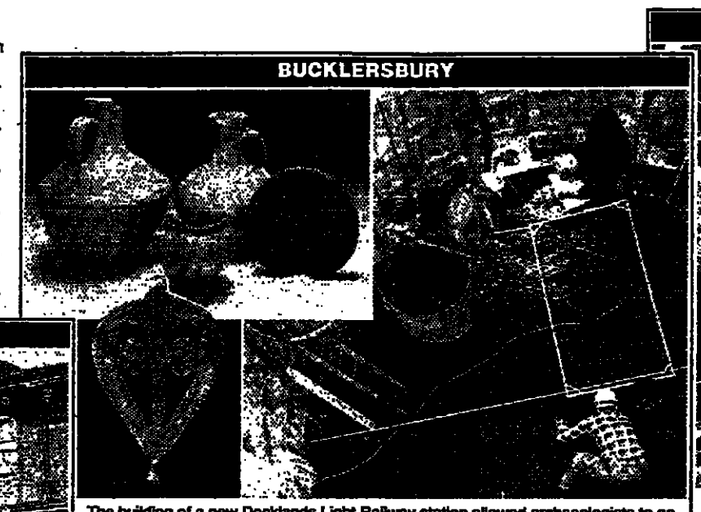
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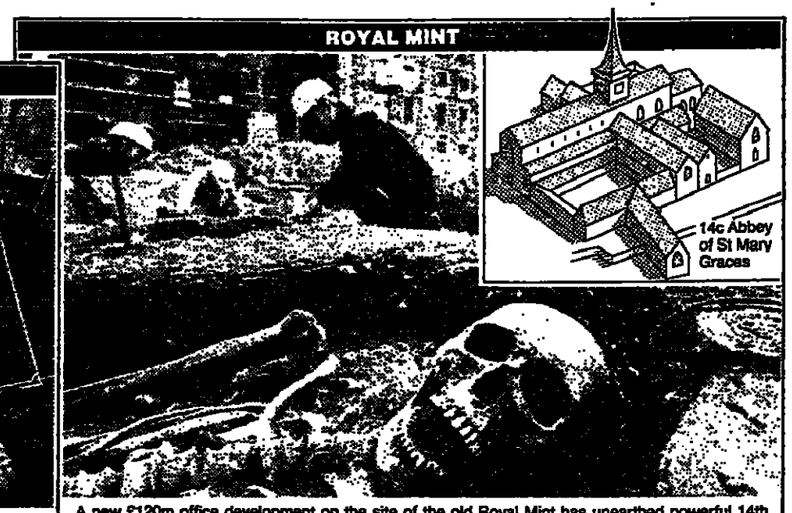
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The Big Bang treasure hunt

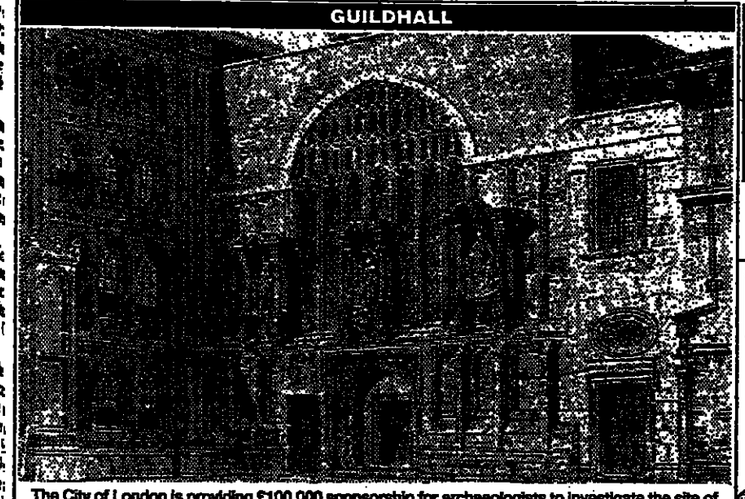
The hi-tech revolution has not only forced the City to look into the future, but has provided a rare opportunity to examine the past. As more sites are cleared to make room for new offices, developers and archaeologists have been forming partnerships to peel back layers of hidden history before the building starts. Simon Tait reports



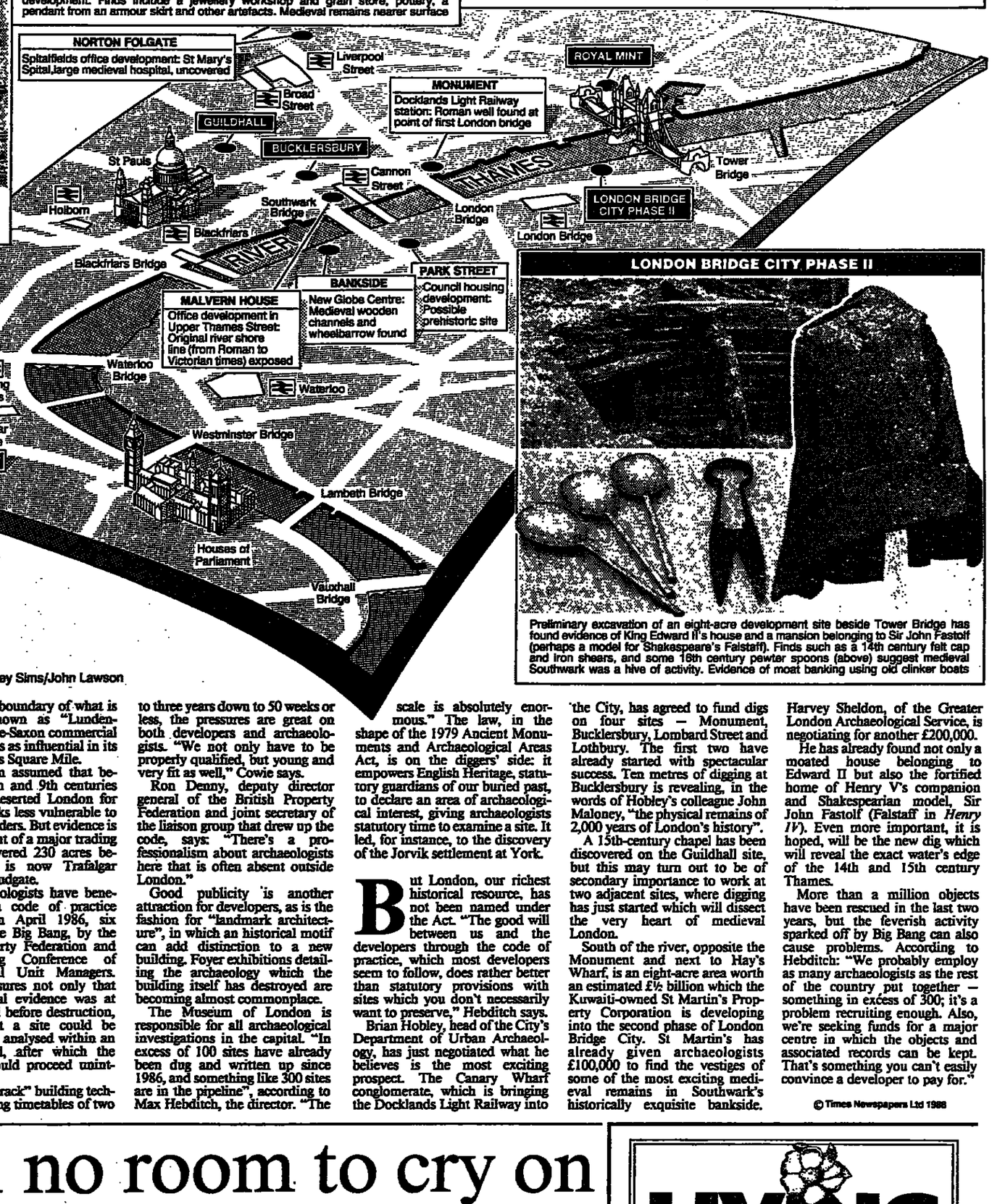
The building of a new Docklands Light Railway station allowed archaeologists to go 10 metres deep and investigate an unprecedented four major phases of Roman development. Finds include a jewellery workshop and grain store, pottery, a pendant from an armour skirt and other artefacts. Medieval remains nearer surface



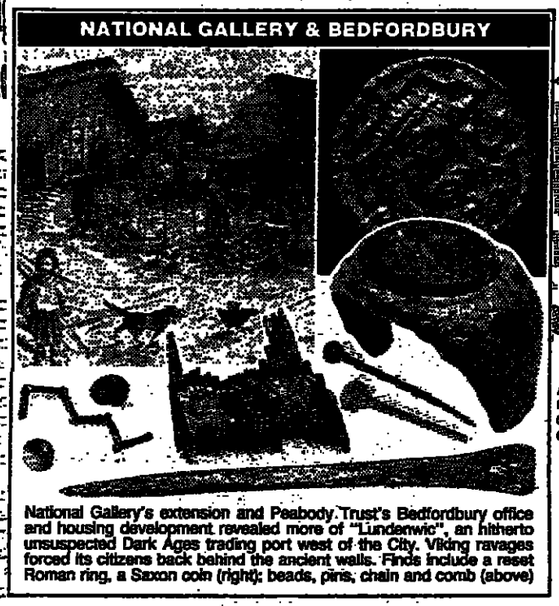
A new £120m office development on the site of the old Royal Mint has unearthed powerful 14th century Cistercian abbey of St Mary Graces, which was built over Black Death cemetery (1,000 skeletons were found). New offices will incorporate some of the abbey walls as a tourist feature



The City of London is providing £100,000 sponsorship for archaeologists to investigate the site of the new Guildhall Art Gallery and office development. Guildhall Chapel, from the 15th century, has already been uncovered (above), and further excavation to the east and west is revealing the 12th and 13th century Jewish quarter on which was founded the prosperity of medieval London



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National Gallery's extension and Peabody Trust's Bedfordbury office and housing development revealed more of "Lundenwic", an hitherto unsuspected Dark Ages trading port west of the City. Viking ravages forced its citizens back behind the ancient walls. Finds include a reset Roman ring, a Saxon coin (right); beads, pins, chain and comb (above)

Preliminary excavation of an eight-acre development site beside Tower Bridge has found evidence of King Edward II's house and a mansion belonging to Sir John Fastolf (perhaps a model for Shakespeare's Falstaff). Finds such as a 14th century felt cap and iron shears, and some 16th century pewter spoons (above) suggest medieval Southwark was a hive of activity. Evidence of moat banking using old clinker boats

Illustration by Geoffrey Sims/John Lawson

Peering 10 feet down into the gloom at some brickwork — probably 18th century — where one day the National Gallery's new Venturi extension will stand, Robert Cowie was clearly a man in a hurry. "Some archaeologists would be appalled, but we haven't time to hang around," he said. "We're looking for medieval and Middle-Saxon remains; post-medieval is just having to be ripped out. We have to be off the site in three weeks."

They were, and work began on the extension last month. However, the developers, Hampton & Co Company, had not only employed Cowie and his Museum of London archaeologists on the site, but had given them £50,000 sponsorship.

Between 60 and 70 archaeological digs are under way or have been recently completed in London, an unprecedented delve into the city's history. The Big Bang has made possible by the Big Bang. Some people estimate that, in the short time, 70 per cent of the City and its borders will have been redeveloped for hi-tech offices because of Stock Exchange deregulation and the financial services boom.

Archaeologists have never had it so good. They have grabbed the opportunity and struck up a unique partnership with developers. Archaeologists' needs have been built in to development programmes so that by the end of this year nearly £9 million is expected to have been spent. This is not public money; the developers themselves are sponsoring digs, some to the tune of £1 million a time. Work worth £3 million is under way at the moment; by the end of this financial year, 45 sites will have been investigated in the Square Mile alone.

Work like Cowie's at Trafalgar Square, along with with recent digs at Covent Garden and nearby Bedfordbury, are completely changing previous assumptions about the Dark Ages — the historians' "middle-Saxon" period. The Hampton site, it seems, is the northern boundary of what is becoming known as "Lundenwic", a middle-Saxon commercial centre perhaps as influential in its way as today's Square Mile.

It had been assumed that between the 7th and 9th centuries the Saxons deserted London for rural bailiwicks less vulnerable to Viking marauders. But evidence is coming to light of a major trading port that covered 230 acres between what is now Trafalgar Square and Ludgate.

The archaeologists have benefited from a code of practice drawn up in April 1986, six months before Big Bang, by the British Property Federation and the Standing Conference of Archaeological Unit Managers. The code ensures not only that vital historical evidence was at least recorded before destruction, but also that a site could be professionally analysed within an agreed period, after which the developers could proceed uninterrupted.

With "fast track" building techniques reducing timetables of two to three years down to 50 weeks or less, the pressures are great on both developers and archaeologists. "We not only have to be properly qualified, but young and very fit as well," Cowie says.

Ron Denny, deputy director general of the British Property Federation and joint secretary of the liaison group that drew up the code, says: "There's a professionalism about archaeologists here that is often absent outside London."

Good publicity is another attraction for developers, as is the fashion for "landmark architecture", in which an historical motif can add distinction to a new building. Foyer exhibitions detailing the archaeology which the building itself has destroyed are becoming almost commonplace.

The Museum of London is responsible for all archaeological investigations in the capital. "In excess of 100 sites have already been dug and written up since 1986, and something like 300 sites are in the pipeline", according to Max Hebditch, the director. "The scale is absolutely enormous." The law, in the shape of the 1979 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act, is on the diggers' side: it empowers English Heritage, statutory guardians of our buried past, to declare an area of archaeological interest, giving archaeologists statutory time to examine a site. It led, for instance, to the discovery of the Jorvik settlement at York.

But London, our richest historical resource, has not been named under the Act. "The good will between us and the developers through the code of practice, which most developers seem to follow, does rather better than statutory provisions with sites which you don't necessarily want to preserve," Hebditch says.

Brian Hobley, head of the City's Department of Urban Archaeology, has just negotiated what he believes is the most exciting prospect. The Canary Wharf conglomerate, which is bringing the Docklands Light Railway into the City, has agreed to fund digs on four sites — Monument, Bucklersbury, Lombard Street and Lothbury. The first two have already started with spectacular success. Ten metres of digging at Bucklersbury is revealing, in the words of Hobley's colleague John Maloney, "the physical remains of 2,000 years of London's history".

A 15th-century chapel has been discovered on the Guildhall site, but this may turn out to be of secondary importance to work at two adjacent sites, where digging has just started which will dissect the very heart of medieval London.

South of the river, opposite the Monument and next to Hay's Wharf, is an eight-acre area worth an estimated £½ billion which the Kuwaiti-owned St Martin's Property Corporation is developing into the second phase of London Bridge City. St Martin's has already given archaeologists £100,000 to find the vestiges of some of the most exciting medieval remains in Southwark's historically exquisite bankside. Harvey Sheldon, of the Greater London Archaeological Service, is negotiating for another £200,000.

He has already found not only a moated house belonging to Edward II but also the fortified home of Henry V's companion and Shakespearian model, Sir John Fastolf (Falstaff in *Henry IV*). Even more important, it is hoped, will be the new dig which will reveal the exact water's edge of the 14th and 15th century Thames.

More than a million objects have been rescued in the last two years, but the feverish activity sparked off by Big Bang can also cause problems. According to Hebditch: "We probably employ as many archaeologists as the rest of the country put together — something in excess of 300; it's a problem recruiting enough. Also, we're seeking funds for a major centre in which the objects and associated records can be kept. That's something you can't easily convince a developer to pay for."

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A shoulder with no room to cry on

Brita Citizens' Advice eaux claim that a fi of social security c iants are jamming t offices. So today th will be suing the DSS for failing to do t r duty

"Tap on the window with a key when you arrive," the man at the Citizens' Advice Bureau had told me when I rang to arrange a visit. "That's our signal. We try to ignore the people who bang on the door when they find we're closed."

Britain's 1,074 CAB offices are under siege. In the last five years they have seen the number of inquiries they deal with rise 35 per cent, without any significant increase in space or manpower.

Clients regularly start queuing outside the busier offices an hour before opening-time, and stragglers face a wait of two or three hours once inside. The bureaux view this rising business with mixed feelings. The National Association of CABs (NACAB) claims that they are having to cope with a flood of Social Security claimants because Social Security offices are not processing claims as they should.

Today NACAB is taking the Department of Health and Social Security to the High Court on the grounds that the department is regularly failing to meet its statutory duty to process Supplementary Benefit claims within 14 days.

The case comes at the same time as moves in local government to cut support to the CABs on the grounds that they have been infiltrated by extremists and homosexual activists.

Increased unemployment has meant that DHSS offices designed to serve only a fraction of today's number of claimants have been overwhelmed with business. The system has "substantially collapsed", NACAB claims, and the bureaux are being left to pick up the pieces. "It means that all the other kinds of help we should be giving are simply getting squeezed out," says a CAB worker.



Until recently, the bureaux had worked, as they had for more than 40 years, largely as a consumer service. They helped dissatisfied customers get a fair deal from cowboy builders or shady car salesmen, advised tenants in arrears with the rent or the gas bill, and provided a general shoulder for the lonely and distressed to cry on.

NACAB is bringing its case jointly with the Child Poverty Action Group, and claims support from "boroughs across the political spectrum, who see themselves as picking up the tab for the DHSS".

Local offices rely on council subsidies, though NACAB itself receives an £8 million grant from the state. Four years ago the Government threatened to halve its grant, after accusations that the organization was being infiltrated by extremists. After an inquiry, NACAB was vindicated, and last year its grant was raised by 23 per cent.

But some Conservative councillors have again recently raised the cry of extremism after a motion opposing discrimination towards homosexuals was passed at NACAB's last annual conference.

"I am very concerned that the association is being infiltrated by left-wing elements," Roy Thomason, chairman of the Association of District Councils, says. "The association is there to provide a service, not campaign for gay rights."

Francis Maude, Consumer Affairs Minister, added fuel to the fire by promising that the Government would "look at the evidence very carefully".

Last week Maude's department was showing signs of back-tracking. No investigation is under way, it appears, and it is conceded that the conference motion was "fairly innocent, setting out something fairly basic".

Meanwhile, NACAB had the delicate task last week of sorting out an associated dispute involving a Dorset volunteer worker who offered her resignation in protest against its policy on homosexuality. It, too, was hypersensitive about the danger of appearing to be trying to induce its volunteers — typically middle-class ladies of impeccable respectability — to become gay activists.

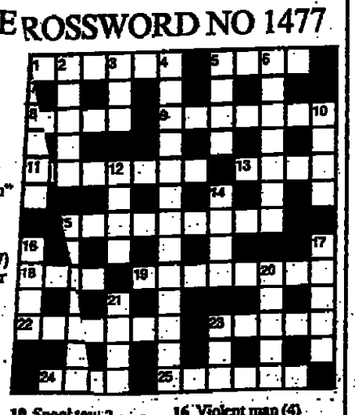
"It was not a disciplinary hearing at all," says Martin Prestage, NACAB's press officer. "It was a consultative hearing, and the committee only asked for a local review and expressed its concern that an advisory service of high quality is available impartially for all clients."

NACAB's venture into the courts today is bound to be seen as implying a higher political profile than in the past. But it sees that risk as a necessary step toward resolving the DHSS problem, which threatens to monopolize bureaux and turn them into an appendage of the benefits system.

George Hill

'All the other kinds of help we should be giving are simply getting squeezed out'

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TIMES DIARY

CLEMENT FREUD

Where does a successful marketing and design consultant give his annual party? The Savoy Hotel is a bit obvious, the excellent Groucho Club not big enough, a boat on the Thames too cold at this time of year. So Jonathan Self, *eponymous head of Self Direct, invited us to* the old Soho Wash-house. It was a memorable evening.

The great thing about the location is that only about 50 per cent of the guests were *able to find it. I was one. In the hinterland of* Liberty's you stumble across Dufours Place and in the extreme north-east corner of the cul-de-sac is a thin door leading to an architectural treasure trove.

In the laundering days before the war, the denizens of Soho waited on the first floor for a ticket to a numbered sink and drying rack. This has now become a suite of audition rooms (Maureen Lipman was rehearsing her *one-woman show of Joyce Grenfell in the* largest) and a floor up is where they rub-a-dubbed, in a drill-hall of a place measuring 63 feet by 29.

Then three years ago the Shared Experience Theatre Company discovered the building and got a lease from Westminster City Council. It made an appeal for £90,000 and, with the help of Alan Ayckbourn, the Pilgrim Trust and The *Really Useful Theatre Company, raised* enough money to remove the hardware, replace the concrete floor, turn the mangling room into an office and create a viable rehearsal room/function suite.

The registered charity needs another £20,000 to complete the venture. If you give £500 you not only get your name printed on the board in the entrance hall alongside Frayn and Stoppard, ICI and the Saatchis, but you can have your next shindig there for free. Bring your own champagne, keep down the noise because of the neighbours, ask twice as many people as you need – the non-starters will still be wandering around nearby cul-de-sacs at kicking-out time.

Ring Tish Francis on 01-434 9248 and she will tell you more.

My wife found some keys in a Cartier leather holder in the gutter of Marylebone High Street last Tuesday evening. She could have left them there; *she could have picked them up and tried all* the doors in the vicinity. But Her in No 10 has proclaimed this as the year of law and order, so my wife brought the keys home and telephoned the police.

The police were engaged, central switchboard says Marylebone is engaged a lot, hold on; she held on for 15 minutes and then rang again. "Still engaged," said the switchboard lady – possibly the person who lost the keys was describing them in great detail – and she waited another five minutes and gave up.

Later that evening my eldest daughter came for her duty visit to the wrinklies and offered to drop the keys in at the police station on her way home. "Sign this form," said the man behind the desk; it said that the undersigned relinquished all claims to the *above-mentioned articles. She signed.* "We are not going to hand over the keys to just anyone," explained the policeman.

I should hope not, after all that. Perhaps there should be 888 calls, for matters that are less than vital but more than trivial.

BARRY FANTONI



'Right, you've got till Thursday to read E.M. Forster's *Maurice*'

On the subject of eights. I read *Woman's Own* because they have asked me to lunch next Monday and I wanted to be a bit knowledgeable about the mag. I was greatly taken with a letter on Russell Grant's page (the star you daren't miss) in which Joan from Reading asks about being born on August 8. Mr Grant assumed that this will be a landmark year (8.8.'88) when a major turn of events will alter the fabric of her world. "Those who live in number eight houses tend to experience more change than others."

Could this have anything to do with the fact that more people live in No 8 houses than in No 9, 10 or 11 because short streets are more numerous than long? This is certainly why so little happens to people living at No 587. I would like to be an astrologer when I grow up.

The Social and Liberal Democrats are looking for a Goliath to succeed the two Davids. Charles Kennedy's age (28) is likely to disqualify him from candidature – though Gladstone formed his last administration when he was 83, a far less suitable time of life to lead a party.

Kennedy is liked in the Alliance, respected by the House and is not only able, politically shrewd and loyal but has a sense of humour, a quality markedly missing in the four front-runners. The age factor should not be significant: feed an ordinary bee on royal jelly for three months and it *will out-perform the other bees.*

Give Kennedy a diet of questions to the Prime Minister each week, dinners at Buckingham Palace and annual wreath laying at the Cenotaph and he could be the *next prime minister but three . . . which is* what they expected of Lord Lundy, who cried a lot and had to go out and govern New South Wales intead. Crying in public is unacceptable until you have reached high office.

Kenneth Baker explains why church schools need not fear reform

In the moral dimension

Religious education, or RE as it always appears on the school timetable, is important. Rab Butler's 1944 Act said that all schools should provide it. The Government is determined that RE should play its proper part in the education of young people. Sadly in many schools it has become a perfunctory process. We must strengthen the position of RE and our Education Reform Bill shows our commitment to do so.

You need go no further than the first clause of the Bill to discover this commitment. It says that we want all our schools to offer a curriculum designed to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils. These are not empty words. They are a firm declaration of purpose. Education should not take place in a moral vacuum. Well educated *children should leave* school knowing right from wrong. They should be grounded in fundamental values like honesty, responsibility, self-respect and respect for others. These should infuse the whole range of school subjects, not only RE.

Cardinal Hume and others have said that they are worried that RE is not one of the 10 foundation subjects we propose for the national curriculum. If this were done it would make me, the Secretary of State, rather than the governors of church schools, responsible for specifying programmes of study for RE. And as a programme of study for a foundation subject, it would need to be appropriate for all the nation's pupils. This would strike at the particular religious identities of church schools.

I want to avoid this danger. It is the governors who should determine the nature of RE in church schools. In Church of England and Roman Catholic *schools the governors can ensure* that the tenets of their faiths are central to the life and conduct of the school community.

I want to hold to the principle established in the 1944 Act that the nature and content of RE should be locally determined. I am against central prescription in this sensitive area.

Just because RE is not a foundation subject, that does not mean that it will be marginalized. On the contrary our national curriculum proposals will strengthen it. First, governors and head teachers will be put under the same legal duty to provide RE as the 10 foundation subjects. This goes well beyond the existing statutory duty. Second, the new complaints procedure for parents will apply to RE just as much as it does to the 10 *foundation subjects. Parents will* at last have real leverage to ensure that RE is actually taught in our schools. I would hope the churches, and everyone concerned for the spiritual well-being of our country, would support these changes. They are intended to reverse a worrying trend: the fact is that RE has slipped in importance in many of our schools.

I believe that an essential part of responsibility is the exercise of choice – the exercise of free will. For those who can afford the fees for independent education, choice already exists. We now intend to extend that choice, within *publicly provided* education, by allowing parents and governors the opportunity to run their schools themselves outside local authority control. I want to offer parents freedom to choose and new possibilities to secure the best for their children. The existence of church schools means that there is already some *variety and choice in the system.*

I have to say that I am surprised that the churches should criticize this extension of choice. Some of that criticism seems to arise from a misconception of the opting out procedures. I would like to set the record straight.

Only if a majority of parents voting in a secret postal ballot so decide, can the procedure even begin. This is a high hurdle – as anyone who has made a study of parliamentary elections will know. The debate will then be on. The future status of a school will be a live issue, hotly debated in the local community. Our Bill specially provides for the trustees of church schools to be informed as soon as the governors decide to hold a ballot. They will be able to take an *active part in the debate* and make their views known to the parents. I do not share the fears of some that an issue of such importance will be manipulated by small cliques.

If the ballot leads to an application to opt out, the trustees will have a statutory right to object to me. Naturally, I will consider any such objections most carefully alongside the case of the applicants.

Let us assume a church school goes through all these hoops and emerges as a grant-maintained school. The existing character of the school – including its denominational status – will be maintained. If the school should want to change its denominational status at some later date, the governors will have to make a statutory public proposal to do so. Again, there will be a public procedure with the opportunity to lodge objections. What is more I would not envisage agreeing to any such change in character if the trustees were against it. These are basic safeguards to preserve the character of church schools.

The churches also seem to be worried that our *proposals for* more open enrolment will undermine the denominational character of their schools. This is not the case. Church schools will still be able to operate admission arrangements designed to protect their denominational nature, even if this means that the school would not admit to its full physical capacity.

I sense that there are many lay people, who are not practising Christians, who may even be agnostics, who none the less yearn for the moral values that the churches want to promote. This is a real opportunity for the churches.

I admire the part that they have played in the development of our schools. I want to see that contribution continue and prosper. This Government, no less than the churches, wants to enhance the moral dimension of education. Our Bill provides the besis for doing that.

Bernard Levin

Their obsession is secrecy

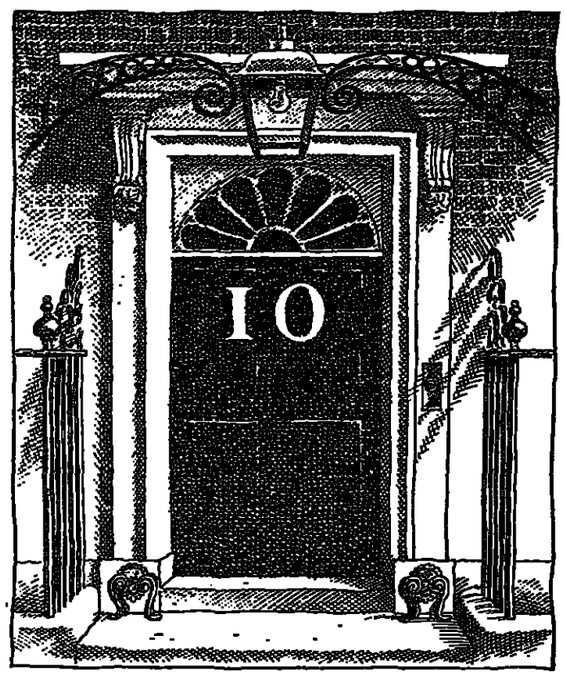
Stand by for another three-line whip by the government to defeat a private member's Bill. Mr Christopher Smith, a *Labour MP, has tabled a mea*sure called the Environment and Safety Information Bill, which seems a modest, sensible and useful piece of legislation. The *Government will probably,* therefore, attempt to kill it, arguing that although there can be no objection to its modesty and usefulness, the fact that it is sensible as well must damn it. For under the terms of Mr Smith's Bill, certain things now secret will no longer be so.

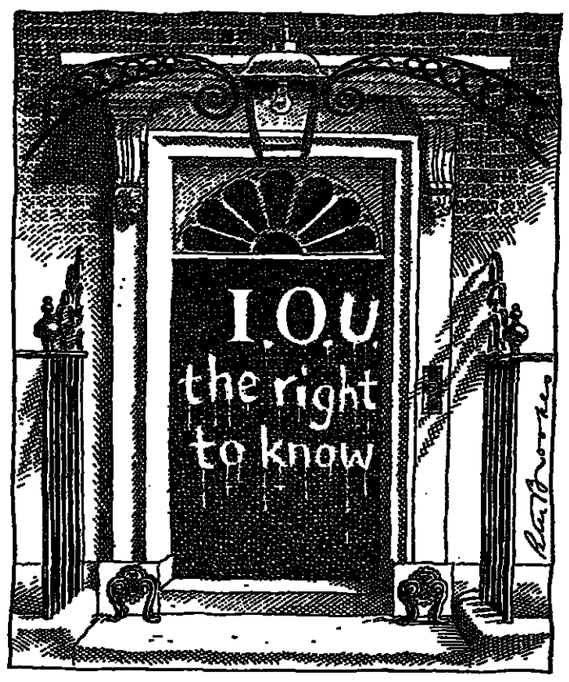
And what things are these? The fire-power of our independent deterrent? Contingency plans for BAOR in the event of a Soviet attack on West Berlin? An investigation of possible espionage at GCHQ? No, nothing so trivial; hark.

There are a number of statutory bodies in this country which are charged with the inspection of potentially dangerous places; for instance, factories which make toxic chemicals, buildings where large numbers of people congregate (including Tube stations) and other such hazards. Those charged with inspecting these danger-points have power under the law to direct the owners or controllers to modify procedures, improve safety standards and so on. They give their directions as a formal notice, with which those formally directed must by law comply; some 14,000 such notices are issued every year.

But although a record is kept by the issuing body, the register is not published, and there is no right of public access to it, so that people living near danger-spots cannot know whether they are at risk, or whether the factory making poisonous substances has a good or bad record of safety. Mr Smith's Bill would give the public the *right* to know whether enforcement notices have been issued.

Now the principle on which the government invariably operates is that if there is something that the people do not at *present know, they must in no*





circumstances be allowed to find it out; no cognizance at all is taken of the nature of the *information, so that vital mili*tary secrets are treated exactly the same as the date on which Summer Time will start next year. Whence the fear generated *by Mr Smith's Bill and – in due* course – a government move to ensure that it will not succeed.

You may think I exaggerate, that it is not true that all information, however harmless, is classified with the progress made towards the bolonium bomb. You will be so kind as to apologize to me for your doubts, as soon as you have heard the following story.

I know a public man who is, and has for many years been, a prison visitor, at a London prison. (I have the details, but I do not wish to bring down the wrath of the Home Office on *him.) Prison visitors have regu*lar "clients"; at any rate, my man does. From time to time, he arrives at the prison for his *accustomed visit, only to be told* that one of those he is expecting to see is no longer in there. He is never told of this in advance, so he may have a totally wasted journey, but that is not the worst. On discovering that his man is not present, he asks whether he has been transferred to another prison and, if so, which one. He tells me that the invariable reply is that he is not allowed to have this information; he adds the almost incredible fact that this refusal to give the prisoner's whereabouts extends also *to the wives and parents and children of the prisoner.*

I accept your apology. But is not this tale the clearest possible evidence that what is colloquially called government's "mania for secrecy" is, in sober truth, based on considerations that in any other field would lead (and rightly) to the conclusion that the person involved was literally deranged?

When the relevant people in the Home Office read this, they will not say "What a damned silly rule – what fool instituted it?" and promptly repeal it. They will not even flap an irritated hand at that tiresome Mr Levin with his bees and his bonnet. They will waste the entire morning, during which they might have been usefully employed in persecuting refugees and breaking up the marriages of Pakistani immigrants, in concocting a 19-page defence of the practice with not a single word of truth anywhere in it, and then waste the afternoon seeing that it is circulated, in quintuplicate, to every office in the department.

Which brings me to the Attorney-General. Of Sir Patrick Mayhew's statement last week, concerning the "shoot to kill" policy in Northern Ireland, I can reveal the true reason why the Northern Ireland Secretary, Mr Tom King, did not make the statement himself. It was nothing to do with departmental responsibility; it was just that Mr King could not have done the job without being sick all over the Dispatch Box. But it would take more than that to make an Attorney-General feel queasy. Observe, for instance, his wonderful performance of indignation at the charge that he, not the Northern Ireland DPP, had been responsible for stopping any prosecution for conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. The DPP in question had decided that there was evidence of such a crime. Now hear Sir Patrick:

"I have informed the Director fully with regard to my consultations as to the public interest, and in the light of all the facts and information brought to his notice, the Director has concluded, with my full agreement, that it would not be proper to institute any criminal proceedings."

Now see Mr Attorney, having "reported" to the Northern Ireland DPP, after "consulting" his government colleagues and "making up" his own "mind". See the poor devil waiting in unbearable suspense for the DPP's decision. He paces the floor, chain-smoking, all night; every time the telephone rings his heart beats wildly; just before dawn the message comes through: the DPP will not prosecute. With a sob of relief, Sir Patrick falls into an armchair, calling hysterically for champagne; the situation is saved! A last thought; should he write a note of thanks to the DPP? No, this stern servant of the truth, the constitution and the legal proprieties will not do even that, lest it should be construed as the equivalent of *winking.*

And this is the man who, under our secrecy rules, is permitted not only to define "the public interest", but whose defi*nition is accepted and codified,* and incorporated by stealth into the law. Surely the reaction of any reasonable citizen, faced with a fact so lamentable and *indefensible, should be not an*ger, nor astonishment, nor cynicism; the only appropriate response is the equivalent of Mr King and the Dispatch Box – in the famous words, "a quiet corner, an aspidistra, a handkerchief, and the old heave-ho".

Day by day, the wall grows higher and thicker – the wall that shuts out the people's right to know what affects them, and what they need to know if they are to make judgements upon their public and political servants. Day by day, they are told not more, but less. Come; did *you* know my prison story? If you didn't, were you surprised? You would have been, a year or two ago. By the time Mr Christopher Smith's Bill is murdered in a dark corner, will you even be capable of surprise?

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Commentary • ROBIN OAKLEY

Emperor Kinnock

The essence of Neil Kinnock's appeal to his party is for self-*discipline. Don't fight all your* battles in public. Don't treat the colleague who differs on Nato or on Nicaragua as lower than vermin. But is the discipline *coming from the top being* overdone?

Remember the Jonathan Livingstone Kinnock film extravaganza in June. The dramatic mood music played during the excerpts from Mr Kinnock's famous Militant-bashing speech spelled out the theme. He looks good and appeals to the public when savaging the left. But keeping the left in check is one thing. Stifling all dissent is quite another. And that is where Mr Kinnock may have been led into tactical error.

David Warburton of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union is the essence of the new-style union leader. He dared to voice in *public the criticisms of the* leadership's role since the election that other union bosses had been voicing in private. Within hours Mr Warburton had been effectively reduced to the ranks.

John Prescott, perhaps in pique at not being given a better job, perhaps because he really does question the way the role of deputy leader is currently performed, talked of challenging for the job. Union forces were mobilized to sit on his head until he thought better of it. Then, when Mr Prescott did relent, he was *denied the face-saver he sought.*

He said he had been promised a debate on the deputy leadership role at the party conference. Nothing doing, said Mr Kinnock. "I'm completely hostile to it, like I think just about everybody else in the trade *union and Labour movement.* I've already turned the idea down flat." That really rubbed his nose in it, with distinct overtones of *L'etat, c'est moi.*

Now Mr Kinnock is turning on the Campaign Group for thinking of running Tony Benn against him in a leadership contest. They are "self-enthroned revolutionaries" more interested in beating their chests than beating the Conservatives. It is a "ridiculous diversion which will be treated with enormous hostility by the whole Labour Party".

So they are, and so it is, in one sense. But if Mr Kinnock had not jumped up and down on John Prescott would the Campaign Group have been angry enough to challenge?

If the first year of a Parliament is not the time to have a contest then when will the time be right? *Next year we will be told that it* would divert attention from the new policy package. For two years after that it would be an "unforgiveable distraction" in the run-up to the general election. So how long does the Kinnock/Hattersley mandate of 1983 extend? For the rest of this Parliament? For life? Why all that fuss about an electoral college system if it was never to be used?

No one who could provide any serious challenge for the leadership – a Bryan Gould, a John *Smith – would dream of stand*ing. So why not take on and trounce the left to demonstrate the backing he has?

What Mr Kinnock remembers of course is the bitter 1981 contest between Mr Benn and Denis Healey. It opened with *Labour at more than 40 per cent* in the polls and ended with it in the 20s. That episode marked his own parting with the hard left. Few who saw it will forget the ashen-faced Kinnock being sent 30 pieces of silver as he conducted the fund-raising at the Tribune rally.

But life has moved on. Mr Kinnock has won an authority in the Shadow Cabinet, the party's National Executive Committee and the union upper-reaches enjoyed by few Labour leaders. With union help he can drive what he wants through the party conference. So how sad that he is allowing an authoritarian streak to develop. We saw it in the behaviour of the bouncers at Labour's election meetings and in Mr Kinnock's own treatment of the press. Now it shows in the treatment of Prescott, Warburton and Benn.

The paradox is that Mr Kinnock knows that Labour will not win until the Alliance has been destroyed and its votes have been won back to Labour candidates. His policy changes are designed to make Labour a safe home for the return of disillusioned Social Democrats.

But they were driven out in the first place not just by policy but by union domination and the lack of one man one vote, a system which Mr Kinnock does not trust unless it is buttressed by a union input.

Are those refugees then going to be tempted back into an authoritarian party with no room for dissent – either from the Campaign Group left or the Warburton right?

SCIENCE REPORT

Summer on Pluto

Pluto is a planet of paradoxes. It grows dimmer as it approaches the Sun. The outermost member of the solar system, it is now closer to us than Neptune. And it has a moon so large that it may really be a double planet.

It has perplexed astronomers since its discovery in 1930. Tiny and rocky, resembling our own Moon more than any other planet, it is unlike all the others in that its orbit is far from circular. On average, it is 40 times farther from the Sun than we are, but for 20 of the 250 years it takes to complete one orbit it is only three-quarters of that distance away, bringing it inside the orbit of Neptune.

Through a favourable twist of celestial mechanics, astronomers have been able to learn much more about Pluto lately. Starting last year, it and its moon, Charon, have been orbiting each other edge-on as seen from Earth, and every 3.2 days one passes in front of the other. During each one of these eclipses, observers get a chance to look at Pluto or Charon separately.

Charon was discovered, to great surprise, in 1978, and even on the best of photographs is a barely distinguishable blur. The only thing known about it was that it had to be nearly as big as its parent planet, or it would not be visible at all. By carefully *monitoring and analysing* brightness changes during the eclipses, Dr Marc Buie and Dr



Chris Wormell

David Tholen of the University of Hawaii have come up with vastly improved estimates of the sizes of Pluto and its companion. Pluto is 1,450 miles across (compared with our *Moon's 2,200* miles) and Charon is 770 miles.

Observers also see changes in colour as well as brightness when the eclipses occur. Dr Richard Binzel of the Planetary Science Institute in Tucson, Arizona, judges that Pluto is reddish, with brighter patches of frozen methane, while Charon is greyer, perhaps covered with water ice.

On top of all this, there has also been a gradual but incontrovertible decline in the brightness of Pluto since the *1950s.* Armed with the latest observational results, Dr Laurence Trafton of the University of Texas has for a likely explanation. Plut presently on the approac half of its eccentric orbit is just now near the po closest approach to the

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While eclipses last, observers will be looking closely Pluto and Charon, hoping to discover exactly what they are made of. After 1990, when the favourable alignment ends, the next chance will not be for 120 years by which time 4,000 million miles of empty space may no longer be a barrier to direct investigation.

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THE CENTRE CANNOT HOLD

Mr Robert Maclennan's claim to have won a "resounding victory" at the SDP conference in Sheffield yesterday, can hardly be contested. But he was surveying a battlefield which has been laid waste in recent weeks – and the fighting is not yet over. For the two new groupings at the centre of British politics, there is no clear prospect of cooperation, of a shared programme or an electoral pact. There is, for the time being anyway, only bitterness and animosity, as they prepare to do battle for the narrowing middle ground.

Dr Owen speaks as though what he would like for his "continuing SDP" is to make some sort of understanding with the Social and Liberal Democrats so that they do not contest each other's safer seats at the next General Election. But he has also proclaimed that his party is willing to fight every constituency if needs be – and it may yet have to try. Certainly Mr Steel has made it clear that he has not gone through the stress of merger only to form a new alliance which would bring back the old problems. That also seems to be the feeling of most of his Liberal colleagues – and is the covert view of many of those Social Democrats who have joined them.

Many of these share the view of Lord Jenkins, as expressed on Saturday, that Dr Owen is heading for political impotence. If so, British politics will be the poorer for it. But his ability to survive as a political force will certainly be severely tested during the next twelve months, with the first serious questions being posed by the district council elections in May.

Dr Owen's position on nuclear defence and Nato, for instance, has been consistently clear. By contrast, there is still so much ambiguity on these issues among some Liberals that the first conference of the new merged party will have to review the commitment to Nato in the preamble of its own constitution. Dr Owen has also shown great realism in wanting to build on the present government's economic achievements.

The new Social and Liberal Democrats clearly hold the electoral advantage however. They benefit from the Liberal grass roots organization, its flair for local issues and the harvesting of protest votes. They are also strengthened by the leaven of former Social Democrats who were schooled in the politics of power in the Labour Party. Moreover, the new party will have a more centralist constitution than that of the Liberals, even though the power over policy to be given to the elected sovereign conference could create problems for the leadership. Although principles have been fudged so far, there is at least the possibility for the merged party of a more solid edifice than the Liberals had built on their own.

It is also questionable whether the electorate would perceive the "continuing SDP" to have significantly clearer or different policies overall. Indeed, it is hard to know what the fury has been all about politically. Politicians accuse the media of being interested in personalities rather than policies, but if ever there was a case when personalities were at the root of a political upheaval, this is it. Mr Steel's original *coup de théâtre* to engineer merger, Dr Owen's defiant go-it-alone politics and the burning resentments of the Jenkinses and Williamses are all evidence of this.

Nothing is impossible in politics. But it is easier to make deals with former declared enemies than with friends who are thought to be treacherous – and it is hard to see either side of the centrist divide making any agreements. Each could say of the other, as Lord Salisbury remarked on the resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill: "Did you ever know of a man who, having got rid of a boil on his neck wanted another?"

British centre politics have been bedevilled by personal feuds, the reciprocal hatred of the Lloyd George and Asquith Liberals being the classic example. Feuding has now given us four parties when British politics hardly has room for three. Dr Owen's gamble is that Labour will be defeated for a fourth time and that non-Tory and disenchanted Tory voters will then turn to his party.

But Mr Kinnock is also fighting for the centre ground with a powerful machine behind him and has even been surreptitiously trying on Hugh Gaitskell's mantle for size. The fission at the centre makes his task much easier. But if Labour's hard left continues on its characteristic way, it is Mrs Thatcher who will be the principal beneficiary of the fragmentation of centre politics.

ADVANCE ON THE WESTERN FRONT

The Government's decision to form a specialized anti-tank brigade to strengthen Nato's conventional forces in Europe, carries high symbolic value for the alliance in the wake of the INF treaty. It sets an example which other armies would do well to follow.

One long-standing worry of Nato's Northern Army Group (Northag) which includes the British Army of the Rhine's 1st British Corps, is the pace with which its Belgian and Dutch corps (which have some of their key units at home) could be brought into play at short notice. Another has been the preponderance of Soviet armour, which, if concentrated on certain weak spots on the inter-German border, looks more than capable of overwhelming Western forces.

While the East-West military balance remains a constant source of worry, the emergence of high-technology weapons systems in the 1980s has provided the hope that in the (unlikely) event of a European war, Nato might still be able to mount a credible conventional defence. By maximizing the potential of existing forces, improving the speed of reinforcement from America and developing new concepts like Follow-on Force Attack (FOFA) – striking at Soviet second and third echelon formations with long-range conventional weapons – Western commanders perceived that they might re-examine the problem with more confidence.

It was against this background that General Sir Nigel Bagnall, now Chief of the General Staff, explored the concept of a highly mobile, fast-reaction force when he was commanding BAOR and Northag in the early 1980s. Northag needed a first-reserve unit which could be switched to any part of the front to counter a Soviet breakthrough – and delay its advance while other slower units were being mobilized. The decision to convert 24 Brigade for this role, with helicopters to move it rapidly round the battlefield, follows extensive trials within BAOR and an important reinforcement exercise last year.

Some of its helicopters will be used to attack the tanks directly with airborne missiles, while others will taxi infantry into position – to take on the advancing armour with their own anti-tank weapons. The effect should be that of a concentrated anti-tank barrage which should at least make a Russian *blitzkrieg* more difficult.

It demonstrates the growing flexibility of Northag units by being ready to move to any part of the front – not just within that covered by the 1st British Corps. By concentrating on an anti-tank role, it is also directed at the most pressing allied problem – and is exploiting the huge potential of the helicopter to help solve it. It should be seen as the first of several within Northag, not just a "one-off" experiment to show off to visiting generals.

It is not without certain flaws, which might in due course need to be corrected. One is that its larger transport support helicopters (Pumas and Chinooks) will continue to be under RAF control. This need not be a drawback, as long as the Army and RAF links are well-oiled. But the Ministry should think again about providing the brigade with larger helicopters of its own.

The second flaw is that the brigade, as part of the 2nd Armoured Division, is based at Catterick. As its role in the battle would occur very early, it would have to be deployed very smartly – particularly as its own wheeled vehicles and artillery would have to be shipped across the Channel and driven along crowded roads towards the front. Would it not be more sensible to station it in West Germany in the first place? This week's announcement remains a step in the right direction however, which may need to be extended in due course.

PEACE PROPOSALS IN SPAIN

The Spanish government has reacted in the only way possible to the peace feelers put out by Eta. While not rejecting them outright, it has made clear that no negotiations can take place while the terrorist campaign by Basque separatists continues. As a bomb was discovered that very day beneath a policeman's car in Bilbao, the time for constructive talks has not yet come.

The fact that such peace feelers were extended at all, however, remains significant. The proposals published in the Basque daily newspaper *Egin*, were the first in 20 years and came after growing rumours that Eta was seeking a truce. These rumours too have been founded on the perception in Madrid that Eta was losing its war.

The credit for this must go partly to France, whose government has at last stopped turning a blind eye to the Eta terrorist leaders who are in hiding there. Better cross-border cooperation between the French police and the Spanish has trapped many gunmen and weakened their organization.

About a dozen Eta cells were destroyed in 1987 and, according to one estimate, the number of front-line operators is down to no more than 30. Given the suffering caused by Eta in northern Spain, with 600 so far killed and the local Basque economy depleted, one may wonder why it has taken the French so long to respond to the needs of their neighbour and ally. But the effect of their recent involvement has been impressive.

Eta's latest offer of a 60-day truce was made only on condition that a satisfactory political settlement for the Basques could be found. The organization is not interested in peace for its own sake – not yet anyway. But the gunmen have not much left to bargain with. Politically isolated even within the Basque country, where all parties except their own political wing have turned their backs on violence, they have lost all their claims to legitimacy. Their capacity to inflict pain and suffering has been their only weapon. With this now being reduced by police action, they have looked in a poor position to make demands.

There is cause to doubt their sincerity even now. The rumours of an impending call for peace have been accompanied by a common assumption that this would be only a short-lived affair. Eta is most likely to use the 60-day truce as a tactical ploy – as an opportunity to re-group, then fight on.

Its proposals made a point of calling for an end to the intensive police campaign against it – and it is hard to see how any Spanish government could agree to that and retain its self-respect. It is not even clear whether the proposals would be acceptable to all branches of Eta, since the initiative is thought to have emanated largely from the more moderate wing in Algeria – where around 40 Eta leaders are in hiding.

The Spanish government has to play a waiting game. It cannot afford to offend moderate Basques by rejecting the proposals outright. Still less can it be seen to give in – and thus upset the majority population in Spain. It could well find itself fighting a general election next year and it can hardly afford to be wrong-footed on an issue of this importance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Harsh judgement of parole system

From Lord Carr of Hadley

Sir, I feel I must rebut Judge Finney's harsh attack (January 28) on the parole system, which appears to be based on a lack of understanding of the system's purpose and manner of working.

When I was Home Secretary I believed strongly that parole made an important contribution to our attempt to increase the protection of the public and that this was its prime justification. A criminal who, before the end of his sentence, is released for a period subject to conditions and under supervision has a better chance of becoming rehabilitated and is less likely to return to crime than one who is kept under lock and key until the last permissible moment and then has to be set free with no supervision and under no conditions.

The sad lesson of penal history in all countries is that imprisonment has little success in deterring the majority of criminals from returning to crime after their release. It is therefore not surprising that judges should see many of those who have had parole back in front of them again after their licence period is over and when in any case they would of course have been free because their sentence period would have been finished. The case for parole is that without it the number of unreformed prisoners coming before the judges would be even greater.

Particularly regrettable is Judge Finney's description of the parole system as the means by which a judge's "carefully considered sentence will be set at naught – by a secret administrative panel concerned not with justice or fairness but 'convenience'". This is a travesty and grossly unfair to those who do this difficult and laborious task.

In my experience as Home Secretary Parole Board and local panel reports were notable for their thoroughness and for the carefully argued balance in their assessment of the pros and cons of each case.

What I feel is a cause for concern is the effect on the parole system of its extension to cover such a large number of short-sentence cases. This is where the danger lies to its integrity of purpose. I am delighted that the present Home Secretary has remitted the parole system and other closely related subjects to scrutiny by the Carlisle committee.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT CARR,
House of Lords.
January 29.

From Mr Thomas W. Brown

Sir, Some of your readers may have been misled by Judge Finney's letter. Of course judges see the "failures" – those who, after or even during a period of parole licence, commit offences of sufficient gravity to require sentence in the crown court.

These are, however, only a small proportion of all who are released on parole, and I , as an experienced probation officer, can match each such case with a substantial number where no further offending has occurred and a further number where the further offence, even though committed within, say, a year of the expiry of the licence period, is relatively minor.

It is quite true that the present system can give rise to apparently anomalous situations of the sort which Judge Finney describes. It is not the case, however, that such outcomes are automatic, as his account clearly implies. I know of many similar instances in which parole has not been granted, and yet more in which it has been granted, but not with effect from the earliest possible date.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS W. BROWN,
35 Henshaw Road,
Small Heath,
Birmingham, West Midlands.
January 28.

Academic freedom

From the Vice-Chancellor of the City University

Sir, You carried adjacent items on the Education Reform Bill on January 20, stating the universities' opposition to the Bill and the polytechnics' welcome: an apparent contradiction which should be resolved for the benefit of your readers.

The Bill combines fragments affecting the different sectors in different ways. The polytechnics consider they will benefit from the reduction in control by local authorities and by the freedom (and responsibility) of individual corporate status.

For the universities, the explicit new power of direct intervention by the secretary of state and the changed relationship with the proposed new funding body, the Universities Funding Council (UFC), represent real and unwelcome threats. In the one part of that sector – Northern Ireland – where the Government has direct powers not buffered by the University Grants Committee, it has taken draconian action.

The New University of Coleraine, while negotiating with the Ulster Polytechnic, was told that unless it agrees at once to merger terms, its grant would immediately cease and its students, too, would become ineligible for grants. The university's negotiating position was thus destroyed: so much for the protection of individual corporate status under royal charter.

The vice-chancellors consider that any exercise of the intervention powers of the secretary of state should be subject to the approval of Parliament. Under the Bill, he already has the sweeping powers of controlling all appointments to the UFC. Is he concerned that his appointees, once they see the problems the universities face, will become unreliable in his eyes?

Yours sincerely,
RAOUL FRANKLIN,
Vice-Chancellor,
City University,
Northampton Square, EC1.
January 21.

Reform of NHS

From Sir James Cable

Sir, After reading your leading article of January 23 I cannot help wondering whether either you, Sir, or Mr Moore have enough experience to make an informed judgment of the NHS.

As a second-generation member of the Foreign Service I was for over half a century a patient – and being a patient is what counts – in four continents and many different countries. I am also old enough to have known doctors and hospitals in this country both before and after the creation of the National Health Service.

I have been treated by military doctors and communist doctors and missionary doctors; for cash, on credit, on insurance and for free. I never encountered a perfect system, but the National Health Service is better than most and would be better still if we were not too mean to fund it properly.

I suggest a royal commission with a good proportion of elderly, well-travelled members in indifferent health.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES CABLE,
8 Essex Close, Cambridge.

By junk to Hormuz

From Miss Lucrezia Zaina

Sir, With reference to your news item on January 25, "Slow boat from China", the convoy of ships in which the Polos sailed with the Princess Cocachin and her suite seems to be very different from the junk in which the Morans propose to follow the same route.

There were, we are told, 14 ships with four masts, and some had as many as 12 sails. Of the 600 persons (excluding the crews) who set sail from the port of Zoytun on the South China Sea, only 18 (including the princess) survived the voyage, according to one manuscript. Another manuscript gives the number who perished, including the crew, as 600.

It seems logical to conclude that the ships were much larger than the Morans' junk, so I doubt whether their journey will shed much light on Chinese seamanship in the thirteenth century.

Yours faithfully,
L. A. ZAINA,
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School of Modern Languages,
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Liverpool L69 3BX.
January 26.

Student unions

From Mr Norris McWhirter and Baroness Cox

Sir, The 120 MPs who have signed Mr Tim Janman's early day motion calling for an end to the compulsory student membership of the National Union of Students (report, January 16) are only partially correct – the full problem is a "double" closed shop.

Each polytechnic or university operates a students' union, of which students, according to Mr Adrian Long, the National Secretary of the NUS, are "automatically members". In student union double-speak "automatic" means "compulsory" – this is one closed shop. That compulsory student union affiliates to the NUS, creating a "double" closed shop.

Simply making NUS membership voluntary does not stop the problem. Membership of individual student unions should be made a matter of individual conscience and choice as well. This can be achieved via the reform of the funding of higher education proposed in the present education Bill.

The cash directed to student unions should instead be individually divided up amongst all the students on a campus in the form of a cheque separate from the subsistence grant cheque. Students would be free to join the student union or guild voluntarily, or to spend the cash in some other way – joining a club or society, buying books, or whatever.

This free market mechanism would dispose of both closed shops, and introduce market discipline to the feather-bedded world of student services and realism to the far-left student political representatives.

Yours faithfully,
NORRIS McWHIRTER, Chairman,
CAROLINE COX,
The Freedom Association,
Avon House,
360-366 Oxford Street, W1.
January 19.

Lands of gold

From Mr Kenneth Baxter

Sir, In saying that Byron was the first Briton to make a living from poetry Philip Howard ("Journeying still in the land of gold", January 23) may have forgotten Pope who did quite well, especially out of his Homer.

He, too, has his anniversary this year. He was born a century before Byron (who admired him) in 1688 – like the "Glorious" Revolution which the Government is resolved to commemorate.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH BAXTER,
Church Farm House,
Ninfield, Battle, East Sussex.

Returning motor tax to right roads

From the Chairman of the British Road Federation

Sir, The recent projects mooted as possible solutions to the traffic problems of London and the South-east – a tunnel under the Thames, a second M25 on stilts above the existing motorway, or, as the British Road Federation has argued, a new orbital route through the Home Counties (report, January 4) – suggest the scale of thinking that is necessary to cope adequately with these problems.

Significantly, these suggestions have come from the private sector. Financial restrictions on the Department of Transport seem to prevent its ability to think on this scale.

The time has come to seriously question the efficiency of such restrictions which have so distorted the balance between the user's payment for, and public provision of, the road system. In 1979, road-users paid the Treasury £5,682 million in motoring taxation; the Government reinvested 36 per cent of that in the road system. By 1986-87, when the yield from motoring taxation had risen to £13,755 million, the proportion reinvested had fallen to 24 per cent. When the final figures for 1987-88 are available the disparity will be even larger.

Since 1979 total traffic has risen by 27 per cent and by 66 per cent on the motorways which carry a large proportion of the commercial traffic which is so important for the economy. These increases are an obvious sign of the economic growth of the 1980s for which the Government claims credit, but appears not to want to have to take any responsibility.

Many roads, particularly the motorways, are becoming less safe because they carry traffic volumes well above their design capacities. Few urban areas can cope with additional traffic without severe congestion and serious consequences for road safety.

The Treasury has opposed consistently any form of taxation being hypothecated back to its source. However, the case that this should be done with motoring taxation to ensure that our road system can be improved grows stronger by the day.

If the Treasury still vetoes hypothecation our legislators must come up with an acceptable solution not just to solve the problems of today but to cope with traffic growth forecasts of up to 40 per cent by the end of the century.

Yours faithfully,
OLAF LAMBERT, Chairman,
British Road Federation,
Cowdray House,
6 Portugal Street, WC2.
January 28.

Opposing clause 28

From the President of English PEN and others

Sir, Although the Government has indicated its intention to amend clause 28 of the Local Government Bill forbidding local authorities to "promote homosexuality" (report, January 29), English PEN – a non-political body of writers – is extremely concerned at the possible effect of this clause upon libraries.

Some local authorities might interpret it as meaning that public libraries should no longer stock books about homosexuality, unless such books were patently hostile to it. The word "promote" is imprecise and as such highly dangerous. Should one, for example, regard Proust's *Remembrance of Things Past*, E. M. Forster's *Maurice* or the poems of Cavafy as "promoting" homosexuality? And is there therefore a danger that such volumes may vanish from the shelves of some public libraries?

At the same time, in an age when libraries do not have unlimited funds at their disposal, there may be a subtle form of censorship whereby works of literature with a supposed homosexual content are not bought in the future.

Yours faithfully,
ANTONIA FRASER, President,
SYBILLE BEDFORD,
Vice-President,
JOSEPHINE PULLEIN-THOMPSON,
General Secretary,
HAROLD PINTER,
Vice-President,
MICHAEL HOLROYD,
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English PEN,
7 Dilke Street, Chelsea, SW3.
January 29.

Handicapped babies

From Dr and Mrs D. P. Maurice

Sir, Sir Brian Rix does not speak for all the parents of handicapped children (article, January 21). Although, no doubt, everyone who gives birth to a handicapped baby goes through a period of grief, many come to love and cherish their child and to value them as much as so-called normal children.

Our first-born child, Edward, was born six years ago with Down's syndrome. We have subsequently had two further "normal" children. In neither of the pregnancies did we request an amniocentesis because to do so would in effect be saying, "If our next child is going to be like Edward, we want it destroyed".

That was unthinkable. Edward had brought us real joy and we would be as devastated if anything happened to him as to either of our other children.

In this whole abortion debate, what distresses those of us with children who are mentally handicapped is to hear people making value judgements about such a child's condition which in effect say that their life is not worth living.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MAURICE,
RACHEL MAURICE,
Isbury House,
Kingsbury Street,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.

Uneasy on the ear

From Dr W. J. Carter

Sir, May I suggest to Mr Simon Inglis (January 22) that context is all important when it comes to the irritation of repetitive sounds. I have a fountain in my garden, fed by a small stream, and find the sound it makes both pleasant and soothing. A similar noise caused by a dripping tap would drive me to distraction.

Yours truly,
W.J. CARTER,
Trenerrys, Cocks Hill,
Perranporth, Cornwall.

From Mr Gordon MacKeith

Sir, While Mr Inglis may find the sound of steel-tipped foot traffic tedious, I welcome that of the donkeys being led past my office to the beach.

Their passage heralds not only the holiday season but also the state of the tide.

Yours sincerely,
GORDON MacKEITH,
MacKeith Dickinson & Partners,
4 South King Street,
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ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 1 1933

The novels of John Galsworthy (1867-1933) were his most successful but by no means his only achievement. Short stories and plays on moral themes also flowed from his pen

Obituary

MR. GALSWORTHY, O.M.

SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY IN NOVEL AND PLAY

Mr John Galsworthy, O.M., whose death is announced on another page, was the interpreter in drama and in fiction of a definite phase of English social history. As he himself explained in one of the illuminating prefaces to the collected edition of his works, he came to artistic self-expression just at the date when the post-Darwinian sense of flux and of the relativity of accepted standards, which had overthrown the "unselfconscious" earlier Victorian acquiescence in "the conventions, morals, standards, ideals, and enterprises of their day," was beginning to utter in literature its challenge to nearly all accepted values. It was a period that endured roughly from 1885 to the War.

After that came a time in which, as he confessed, genially, "we, who were the later and ironic extremists of that challenge are challenged in our turn, because we hold by our child the social conscience, which is now voted a bore." To the revolt that turned on "the emergence of the introspective social conscience" had succeeded a revolt which held that "the business of the thinker and the artist is a sort of unrelated, frank, utter self-expression." From that time the author of *Strife* and *Justice* began like his own Forsytes to "date."

The same period that saw the completion of the saga produced a last group of plays, including *The Skin Game*, *Loyalties*, *Windows*, *The Forest*, and *Escape*. Of these *Loyalties*, the most human, was the most successful; whereas *Windows*, with its implied plea for a worthless woman, led the dramatic critic of *The Times* to recall Johnson's warning. "Sir, do not accustom your mind to confound virtue and vice." It is the aptest criticism that can be passed on Galsworthy's social philosophy, which tends to eliminate responsibility from its humanitarian scale of values.

Galsworthy was conscious of the paradoxes of his own nature when he said that "this particular writer has always been given to heartache in the presence of nature in flower. Maybe that ache is part of the sex instinct – a longing for union of fusion with beauty beheld; or, more rudely, might be called greed – the desire for the perpetual, the intimate possession of loveliness." In that zest of life and beauty, that interest in the activity and stir of society which penetrates all his work, we discern something of the Forsyte, avid this time, not of material but of spiritual possession.

The secret of Galsworthy's powerful, luminous style, of his vigorous sense of drama and character, lies in the fierce strength by which he dominates and absorbs wide tracts of life, possessing them as completely as Soames the treasures of his picture gallery, though to far subtler and more fruitful uses. In his wavering sense of moral values, on the other hand, his moods of black pessimism in face of the ills of life, his slightly corrosive belief in the untamable power of passion and temperament we see an element, a source at once of understanding and a weakness, which he symbolized in the disturbing figure of Ferrand. Like the age of which he was the mouthpiece, he felt the menace of catastrophes which he knew no skill to avert.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 31: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning.

The Bishop of Guildford preached the sermon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 31: The Duchess of York, Patron of the Combined Services Winter Sports Association, left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for France, where Her Royal Highness will attend the CSWSA Alpine International Skiing Meeting in Meribel.

Miss Helen Hughes and Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer are in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 30: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Derbyshire College of Higher Education, was present this afternoon at the College's Presentation of Awards Ceremony at the Assembly Rooms, Market Place, Derby.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Charles Hamson, QC, will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel on Thursday, February 18, 1988 at 5.00 pm.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon E.H.R. Butler and Miss A.I. Lloyd
The engagement is announced between Edmund, younger son of Viscount Mountgarret and Lady Howard de Walden, and Adelle, only daughter of Mrs I. Holland, of Montreal and Mr M. Lloyd, of New York.

Mr J.D.H. Bunday and Miss S. Court
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Commander and Mrs D. Bunday, of Swanmore, Hampshire, and Sandra, daughter of Mr P.C. Court and the late Mrs Teresa Court and stepdaughter of Mrs P.C. Court, of Battle, East Sussex.

Mr J.E. Copping and Miss J.M. Carruthers
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs N. Copping and the late Mr G.P. Copping, of Catford, London, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.O. Carruthers, of Noss Mayo, south Devon.

Mr G.F. Delvaux and Miss A.V. Morrison
The engagement is announced between Guy, only son of Mr and Mrs Georges Delvaux, of Leuven, Belgium, and Alix, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Earl Morrison, of London, Ontario, Canada.

Mr I.M. Denham and Miss W.A. Johnson
The engagement is announced between Iain, younger son of Mr and Mrs M.W.J. Denham, of Tixall, Staffordshire, and Wendy, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.E. Johnson, of Hastings, Sussex.

Mr G. Keicher and Miss M. Burnett
The engagement is announced between Gregory, younger son of Mr and Mrs Gary Keicher, of Arizona, United States, and Melanie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Burnett, of London.

Mr A.P.M. Lorenz and Ms H.M. Alway Haines
The engagement is announced between Andrew Peter, younger son of Mrs J.C. Lorenz, of Charlton, Oxfordshire, and the late Mr Hans Lorenz, and Helen Marianne, elder daughter of Brigadier and Mrs J.M. Alway, of Datchet, Berkshire.

Mr C.B. McCaul and Miss C.L.C. Jenkins
The engagement is announced between Colin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Ian McCaul, of Dulwich, London, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Jenkins, of New Malden, Surrey.

Mr D. Plank and Miss G. Mason
The engagement is announced between Dennis, only son of the late Mr and Mrs G. Plank, of Brighton, and Genevieve, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs J.E.J. Mason, of Weymouth.

Mr J.L.B. Salmon and Miss F.J. Crosland
The engagement is announced between James, third son of Mr and Mrs G.M.B. Salmon, of Rolvenden, Kent, and Fiona, daughter of the late Mr A. Crosland and Mrs Crosland, of Uppingham, Leicestershire.

Captain D.G. Strutt and Miss E.M. Ratcliffe
The engagement is announced between Duncan, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.T. Strutt, of Ashford, Middlesex, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. Ratcliffe, of Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex.

Mr J.H. Urquhart and Miss S. Darik
The engagement is announced between Jameson, youngest son of Mr and Mrs S. Urquhart, of 1 Godrick Road, Witham, Essex, and Sotia (Tia), eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Darik, of Clipston Street, London, W1.

Mr M.D. Williams and Miss S.J. Cook
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.M. Williams, of Tavranga, New Zealand, and Sarah, elder daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Robert Cook, of Wayside House, Milverton, Somerset, and Brussels, Belguim.

Marriages

Mr G.P.H. Newton and Miss J.L. Rymer
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, West Kensington, of Mr George Newton, only son of Sir Michael and Lady Newton, of Axminster, Devon, to Miss Jane Rymer, twin daughter of Mr John Rymer and Mrs Margaret Rymer, of Driffield, East Yorkshire. Canon Alan Page officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Sally Rymer. Mr Christian Howgill was best man.

A reception was held at Girdlers' Hall and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr W.J. de Souza and Miss C.L. Adams
The marriage took place on Saturday, January 30, at Brompton Oratory, London, between Mr Jeremy de Souza and Miss Caroline Adams. The Very Rev Richard Price officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Major Valentine Adams, was attended by Venetia Harwood-Smart, Verity Hood and Miss Lucy Daubeny. Mr Anthony Magauran was best man.

The reception was held at Brooks's and the honeymoon is being spent in Madeira.

M G. Poli and Miss E.C. Stephenson
The marriage took place in Paris, on January 26, of M Gérard Poli, son of M and Mme Adolphe Poli, of 15 Rue Lakanal, Paris 15, and Miss Emma Stephenson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harvey Stephenson, of The Mill House, Fordham, Colchester.

Birthdays today

Mrs Jennifer Adams, superintendent, Central Royal Parks, 40; Sir Kenneth Bond, vice-chairman, GEC, 68; Major H. Stanley Cayzer, 78; Sir Peter Crill, Bailiff of Jersey, 63; Vice-Admiral Sir Norman Dalton, 84; Mrs Josceline Dimbleby, cookery writer, 45; Professor Sir Sam Edwards, physicist, 60; the Ven Eric Evans, Dean-designate of St Paul's, 60; Mr E. Evans, rugby player, 63; Mr Robert Gittings, poet, biographer and playwright, 77; Sir Douglas Hall, former governor, Somaliland Protectorate, 79; Sir Gordon Hobday, Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, 72; Professor Douglas Johnson, historian, 63; Sir Maurice Laing, president, John Laing, 70; Sir Jack Lyons, chairman, Sir J. Lyons and Company, 72; Sir Stanley Matthews, footballer, 73; Miss Gwenda Morgan, wood engraver, 80; Lord Mountevans, 45; Sir John Nott, former MP, 56; Mr Laurie Pavitt, former MP, 74; Professor Sir Mark Richmond, vice-chancellor, Victoria University of Manchester, 57; Mrs Muriel Spark, writer, 70; Sir Peter Tapsell, MP, 58; Miss Renata Tebaldi, soprano, 66.

Clifford Longley

Decisive role of the monarch

The Labour MP for Chesterfield, Mr Tony Benn, and a group of his political allies have embarked on a campaign in the House of Commons to try to provoke a crisis in the relationship between the Church of England and Parliament.

His ultimate aim is to bring about the disestablishment of the Church of England, a cause in which he has believed for many years.

It is relatively easy for a small group of MPs to arrange an ambush in the lobbies of the House of Commons late at night, to defeat legislation forwarded to Parliament by the General Synod. It happened once before, when the initiative came from right-wingers who wished to demonstrate their dismay at the direction the church was taking.

Mr Benn's first try last week failed by 66 to 36; but he could well have succeeded if some select committees had finished earlier and members attending them had gone home. Synod Measures have to receive an affirmative vote in each House of Parliament before they can be sent for Royal Assent, and if they fail to get it they have to go back to the synod for further consideration.

Faced with a repeated refusal by Parliament to approve such legislation because of lobby ambushes, the synod's business managers would be forced to rely on the unofficial assistance of the Government whips to ensure enough compliant members were on hand each time. But the church is not very popular with Conservative back-benchers at the moment; and the potential therefore exists for a difficult situation.

Mr Benn can claim that he has opinion in the church behind him. A recent Gallup poll found that 70 per cent of the clergy did not believe that "Parliament should continue to have the final say in decisions relating to the Church of England". There was no overall majority for disestablishment itself, however, mainly because most clergy wish to see the Queen continue in the role of the church's Supreme Governor.

The parliamentary veto over church legislation is indeed at first sight an anachronism. A simple Act of Parliament would seem to be all that was necessary to give the church power to make its rules itself. And most other organizations in British society - trades unions, other churches, voluntary societies, even political parties - find no difficulty in devising and enforcing their own regulations. But the implications are in fact enormous.

Parliamentary supervision of the synod's law making function stands for the principle that the Church of England belongs to everyone, not just to a minority defined as Anglicans. And this is the historic basis of the Church of England's existence as it took shape under the Elizabethan Settlement.

To remove that basis would change the nature of the church itself. And it is often convincingly argued that it is that settlement, and the fact that it is enshrined in the law of the land, which stops the church breaking up into several pieces.

The Church of England can still be recognized as the church that Henry VIII separated from the papacy in the sixteenth century, for it retains the structural architecture of its medieval constitution. Those powers which Henry removed from the Rome he took to himself; and with the gradual evolution of the British constitution those powers have become exercised by the Crown through Parliament.

Henry VIII did not make the church any more independent than it had been before; but he transferred its dependence from the Pope to himself. So the Crown-in-Parliament, which is the focus of sovereignty in British constitutional theory, is so to speak representative of the papal power; and in that sense the Church of England is still in essence a papal church.

That is why it is not self-governing, and the General Synod is not a sovereign body. Parliament supervises the church because Rome used to do so; the Queen appoints bishops because Rome used to do so.

The analogy is clearer still if the Church of England is compared with the Roman Catholic Church in England. If the Church of England wants a new diocese, it has to ask Parliament; if the Roman Catholic Church wants a new diocese, it has to ask Rome. But if the Methodist Church wants a new district, it does not have to ask anybody.

These are the reasons why the Church of England is quite unlike any other part of the Anglican Communion, the rest of which is, in the character of its government, not papal but Protestant. So a removal of parliamentary supervision, even if it fell short of full disestablishment, would fundamentally alter what Henry VIII achieved and Elizabeth I secured.

That may of course be the right thing to do, but it requires rather deeper justification than Mr Benn has offered so far. It raises difficult questions of ecclesiology - the theology of the church - and it may be an intuition of that which persuades most Anglican clergy, according to the Gallup poll, that the position of the Queen is not to be disposed of so lightly.

Few of the clergy are experts on the British constitution, but constitutionalists would be quick to point out that to retain the Royal Supremacy while dispensing with Parliament's role would be to undermine the principle of constitutional monarchy, the cardinal point of which is that the Queen may only act within her realm on the advice of her Prime Minister.

Without that constitutional relationship with the Prime Minister and by implication with Parliament, the Queen could do nothing at all as the church's Supreme Governor, except wear the title. That would be a derogation of majesty detrimental to the constitution as a whole, and by no means just the church's internal affair.

She would be bound to refuse any such role, in the name of the integrity of the constitution. So the reply to those 70 per cent of clergy who want to see an end to Parliament's involvement in the church's affairs is that they cannot have their cake and eat it. The reply to Mr Benn, on the other hand, must be "Fools rush in ..."



The Hon William Waldegrave, Minister of State for the Environment and Countryside, with his wife, Caroline, relaxing at their London home yesterday with their daughter born last Thursday at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington. Baby tipped the scales at 9 lbs 10 oz. (Photograph: Mike Loveridge).

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
REAR ADMIRAL: J B Kerr – To be promoted Vice Admiral 1.2.88.
CAPTAINS: M O'Brien – IMS and as Chairman Manpower Surveys of HQ, Maritime MNCs (in the rank of Cdre 25.4.88); A J B Paterson – Staff of FO Portsmouth as CSO(A) 10.6.88.
COMMANDERS: P Bates – Dolphin 21.6.88; M D Booth – Staff of AFSOUTH 12.7.88; C L W Page – Heron 20.5.88; T J K Sloane DOAE West Byfleet 25.4.88; R S Stenlake – Capt RNDQS 27.5.88 (Graded AHR of Capt 24.6.88).
ROYAL MARINES
Retirement
MAJOR GENERAL: J St J Grey – MOD 26.9.88.
The Army
MAJOR GENERAL: J F W Wilsey – To be COS HQ UKLF 1.2.88.
BRIGADIER: M J E Scott – To be DMS(B) MOD. 1.2.88.
COLONEL: D R Axson – To be Comdt SEE 1.2.88; P R Rostron – To be DA LIMA 12.2.88; R F S Vasey – To MOD 5.2.88; D I Wilson – To HQ D of Army Ed. 5.2.88.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: A J Abbott INT CORPS – To HQ UKLF 1.2.88; T G Blackford 7GB – To Sch of Inf (Sp Wpns Wfr) 1.2.88; D Crook REMC – To LEVAL 1.2.88; J S Hendry RAEC – To BAOR 1.2.88; C V Nidd R SIGNALS – To MOD A 1.2.88; R M Wilde RRF – To be CO 1 RRF 1.2.88; M C Willis QUEENS – To be CO 2 QUEENS 5.2.88; F R W Brewer RAOC – To LEVAL 1.2.88; J G T Dewar R Hamps – To MOD 2.2.88; M S Rawlinson RAPC – To HQ WALES 1.2.88; C Spencer R SIGNALS – To HQ BAOR 1.2.88.
RAMC
COLONELS: H A Williams – To be Comd Med HQ LF Cyprus wef 14.1.88; P McMahon – To be CO DKMH Catterick wef 8.2.88.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: A P Willman – To be CO 19 Fd Amb wef 1.2.88.
Retirements
BRIGADIERS: C G Mantripp Late ROOME 6.2.88; M Winn Late RCT. 2.2.88.
COLONEL: L Guy Late RAOC. 2.2.88.
Honorary appointment
Brigadier Peter Abraham, late Royal Army Medical Corps, has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Queen. Brigadier Abraham is Director of Army Psychiatry and Consultant Psychiatrist.
Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAINS: D J Hamilton-Rump – To RAF Sek Kong 5.2.88; M A Wood – To MODAFD) 5.2.88; D K Wright – To MODAFD) 30.1.88; D T Davis – To RAF Hereford as Stn Cdr 1.2.88; M J Guest – To MOD Ordnance Board 1.2.88.
WING COMMANDERS: D R Hamilton – To RAF Leeming 1.2.88; G W House – To OASC Biggin Hill 3.2.88; I A MacDougall – To BDS Washington 4.2.88; R J Sharp – To MOD CVE 5.2.88; S Morgan – To School of Catering Aldershot 1.2.88; P C Miller – To MOD London 1.2.88; G W Cunningham – To RAF Brize Norton 1.2.88; P W Giles – To RAF Leeming 1.2.88.

Service dinner

Royal Army Service Corps (MEF/CMF)
Sir Kenneth Cork presided at the annual reunion dinner of the Royal Army Service Corps (Middle East Forces/Central Mediterranean Forces) Officers' Reunion Club held on Saturday at Simpson's-in-the-Strand.

London Business School

The following have been awarded fellowships: Sir Ronald Dearing, Dr Arthur Earle, Sir John Egan and Mr B.D. Taylor. The following have been awarded honorary fellowships: Sir Terence Beckett, Lord Franks, OM, Mr Philip Nind and Lord Plowden.

Disparities on arts spending

By Andrew Billen

An independent report published today claims that there is no link between a local authority's political complexion and its spending on the arts.

In the first exercise of its kind, the National Campaign for the Arts has drawn up a league table of local authority arts spending. It reveals huge disparities between big and small spenders, irrespective of which party has political control.

Labour-run Bradford council tops the league of English metropolitan districts, spending £8.69 per head on the arts, and its socialist partner, Liverpool, is bottom. Against an average £4.42 per head in the districts, it spends only 46p.

Equally, in London, Conservative-controlled Westminster, which has responsibility for the English National Opera and the London Festival Ballet, spends £18.26 per head. Harrow, another Tory borough, spends just 15p. Three of the eight boroughs in the capital spending less than £1 are Labour controlled. The London average spending is £8.48.

Mr Simon Crine, the campaign's director, said: "There is no simple correlation between commitment to the arts and which political party is in control. Some Conservative boroughs are very good and some very bad. And it is the same for Labour and the Alliance."

The inconsistent performance of Labour authorities will be an embarrassment to Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman on the arts.

He said: "Cities like Liverpool and Glasgow have long since realized that arts and cultural industries themselves have great economic potential. In Liverpool, the Tate in the North, the whole Albert Docks area, and the expansion of the arts generally, has been at the centre of the city's growing economic revival."

At Labour's local government conference in Edinburgh over the weekend, he urged councillors to justify increased expenditure on arts as an investment for inner city regeneration.

The campaign based its findings on local authorities' own expenditure estimates as published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

OBITUARY

MR GEOFFREY BERRY

Defender of the Lakes

Visitors to the Lake District, one of the world's most beautiful areas, owe a considerable debt to Mr Geoffrey Berry, OBE, FCA, who died at his Kendal home on January 29, at the age of 75.

Throughout his life, Berry was ceaselessly active in preserving and enhancing the area. His presence will be sorely missed, not least by the Friends of the Lake District, whom he led to victory in repeated battles with authorities whose activities, according to the Friends, would have done the region nothing but harm.

Berry was born on May 13, 1912. He was educated at Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury, and started his working life in local government, becoming Town Clerk of Rishton, Lancashire. From there he moved to the North-West Electricity Board as an accountant.

Since his youth, however, his interest was in the open air and the countryside, and he retired from the electricity board at an early age to become secretary of the Friends of the Lake District, one of the kingdom's most active and effective local conservation bodies.

Under Berry's guidance it achieved many feats of conservation such as the restriction of power-boats on Ullswater, Derwentwater and Coniston. He became consultant secretary to the Friends in 1976, and probably his greatest achievement was in the 1980 inquiry into the Ennerdale and Wastwater project — where the North-West Water Board and British Nuclear Fuels respectively were proposing to extract large quantities of water from two of the loveliest and most secluded lakes in the district and to lower their levels.

The inquiry went on for 57 working days, and Berry seldom missed a single day. He followed up this success with his book *A Tale of Two Lakes* (1982).

A further achievement of the Friends, and with Berry still at the helm, was the ten-year campaign (and in which the Friends were victorious) to get heavy goods vehicles off the main road (A591) which ran through the most spectacular parts of the Lake District.

Berry was a diligent author, publishing his first book, *Across Northern Hills*, in 1975. In 1980, together with Geoffrey Beard, he published *The Lake District: A Century of Conservation*. He also penned numerous articles for the Press.

He captured the beauty of the region with his own camera, and many of his prints grace the pages of other books, among them Melvyn Bragg's *Land of the Lakes*; while other photographs have been exhibited in the Victoria & Albert Museum.

He was active also on the north-west regional committee of the National Trust; on the Council of the Cumbria Trust for Nature Conservation; and on the standing committee for National Parks. At the time of his death, he was preparing to write a book with Brian Redhead — president of the Council for the Protection of Rural England and famous BBC Radio 4 broadcaster.

Berry is survived by his wife, Molly, and a daughter.

PROFESSOR ROSS WALLER

Professor Ross Waller, CBE, who died on January 28, at the age of 89, was a major figure in the advancement of adult education.

He was an educator in the old Liberal, humanitarian mould, much influenced by his predecessor at Manchester, Harold Pilkington Turner. Waller himself became Professor of Adult Education at Manchester in 1949, where he remained until his retirement in 1966.

He helped to develop adult education as an academic discipline, and early recognized that the health of democratic institutions required a sound education, especially for those denied it in their youth.

His pioneering work in the Manchester University extra-mural department in the 1930s laid the foundation for his contribution to the organization of adult education for the Forces during the war, and he published his own thoughts on the subject in a brief book just after the war, *Learning to Live*.

Ross Douglas Waller was born in the Isle of Wight on January 21, 1899. He was educated at Manchester Central High School for Boys. During the last years of the First World War he served with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

He then read English literature at Manchester, and after post-graduate work in Florence, he taught briefly as a schoolmaster. He then returned to the university as a lecturer in the English department, until his appointment as director of extramural studies, in 1937.

His early love of Italy led to a life-long association with that country, both personally and professionally, and he spoke the language quite well. In 1961/2 he carried out a study of adult education in Sardinia for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; he supported the work of Danilo Dolce in Sicily; and he worked closely with many adult education organizations such as Humanitaria, in Milan. In 1956, he was made a Cavaliere Ufficiale of the Italian Order of Merit.

He was for some years chairman of the north-western district of the Workers' Educational Association.

Waller's warm humanity was the mainspring of his life and infused all that he did. His enthusiasm for recorder playing was shared with the Sicilians; his perceptive vision was reflected in his watercolours; and his love of friends and good fellowship found expression in the Lamb Guild of Holly Royde, a residential college for adult education.

He spent much of his retirement in Italy, but eventually made his home in Manchester. He was more of a "doer" than a writer. In a collection of tributes to Pilkington Turner, which Waller edited and which were published in 1957, he said of his predecessor: "his strength was in comprehension, sympathy, [and] understanding" — attributes which could also best describe Waller himself.

MR HENRY SMITH

Mr Henry Smith, British economist, died on January 29.

He assembled his general approach to economics in *A Prospect of Political Economy* (1968), in which he gave more space to the thinking of Marx than do most economic texts. Keynes referred to Smith for advice on books about Marxist economics when considering them for reviews in the *Economic Journal*.

Henry Smith was born in 1905, and started life as an errand boy when in his early teens. He excelled at Christ Church, Oxford, where he went with an extramural scholarship at the age of 25. He graduated in politics, philosophy and economics with First Class honours, and was awarded a three-year post-graduate scholarship.

In 1935 he was appointed lecturer in business finance at Liverpool University, and, two years later, became resident economics tutor at Ruskin College, Oxford. After wartime service at the Ministry of Food, he returned to *Ruskin* as vice-principal, which post he held until 1970.

Smith taught and wrote economics with a rare familiarity and understanding of both liberal and Marxist economics. He wrote on the theory of imperfect competition and attempted to apply it to the problems of the retail market (*Retail Distribution, A Critical Survey*, 1937).

His main work consists of an attempt to put the valid concepts in Marx into current economic terminology, to define in economic terms what constitutes a socialist society (*The Economics of Socialism Reconsidered*, 1962), and to estimate the chances of anything like it emerging from the political processes of the existing world.

In 1947 he went to Newfoundland as chairman of a committee of inquiry into the cost of living; served on the Lloyd Jacob committee on Resale Price Maintenance; and published his *Introduction into the Study of Economics*. In 1948 he was appointed to the Civil Service arbitration tribunal, on which he served until 1964.

In 1962 he absolved wage arbitration from the charge of spreading inflation — which, he argued, was the responsibility of government in fiscal policy.

He criticised the Conservative Government for trying to confine wage arbitration within the narrow limits of wage "panses" and "guide lines", and advised that arbitrators would not serve if they were made "slightly dirty rubber stamps".

In his 1962 Hobart paper, "The Wage Fixers", he set wage arbitration in the context of fundamental economic principles — the marginal productivity theory, the extent to which wages determine or are determined by product prices.

Dr C. Glen King, the American nutritionist who was in the forefront of isolating Vitamin C, died on January 24. He was 91.

In 1932, he succeeded in extracting small amounts of the vitamin from lemon juice — work which helped to make it possible for others to synthesise the vitamin on a mass scale for widespread use.

King published more than 200 articles on the positive effects of vitamins and proper nutrition, and he established links between malnutrition and particular degenerative diseases.

PICK OF THE WEEK AT CHRISTIE'S



Pieter Casteels III (1684-1749)
A Group of Exotic Birds on a Tree in a Park (detail)
Signed and dated 1729. Oil on canvas. 23×43in.

One of the most popular early eighteenth century flower and bird painters, Casteels came to England early in his career where this fine example was executed. Clearly, several of the birds are not indiginous species, and the country house in the background is presumed to be that of the patron for whom it was painted.
This piece will be sold in our sale of Old Master pictures at Christie's, King Street on Friday, 5th February at 11.00a.m.
For further information about this and other sales in the next week please telephone 01-839 9060.

8 King St., London SW1
85 Old Brompton Rd., London SW7
164-166 Bath St., Glasgow

Nature notes

From mollusc to moor



The first oystercatchers are returning to the Scottish moors from the western shores of England. But large flocks still remain on the estuaries, feeding mostly on cockles and mussels.

They are large, black and white birds that fly fast, piping loudly, up and down the beach; and with their long, red beaks they can break their way into most shellfish.

Small parties of turnstones often feed near them, lifting the pebbles and the seaweed as they search for winkles. These birds will stay till April or May, then return to the high Arctic.

In the oak woods, jays are collecting the remaining acorns; on a sunny day, they chase each other through the trees in a long line. Song thrushes have been singing in the morning, without interruption from the weather, for two months now; and some are already prospecting nesting sites in the bare hedges.

In the West Country, some sweet violets are in flower, and their heart-shaped leaves are opening everywhere in the South. A few hawthorn bushes are showing small leaves: it is the same bushes that shoot early every year. By roadside ditches, the coarse, toothed leaves of hogweed are dominating the other spring growth.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord. Leviticus 19 : 18

BIRTHS

BARLOW - On December 8th, at BMH Hong Kong, to Victoria (née Wheeler) and Jim, a son. George Edward.

BLACKWELL - On January 28th, at The Portland Hospital, to Deborah (née Birbeck) and Charlie, a son, Thomas Henry.

CLARKE - On January 28th, at the Rockland Hospital, Dover, to Lyn and Philip, a son, Frederic James.

COLEMAN - On January 27th, to Nicola (née Teuten) and John, a daughter, Katharine Elizabeth Jayne, a sister for Charles.

CONSTERWAITE - On 29th January, at Hammersmith Hospital, London, to Lourdes (née Martin-Caro) and Jonathan, a son.

DEMPSEY - On January 27th, to Anna (née Christiansen) and Harry, a daughter, Katherine Ellen.

FRASER ANHARD - On January 18th, at Canterbury, to Joanna and Kenneth, a daughter, Charlotte Letitia Rosemaun.

JOHNSON - On 22nd January at Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton, to Susan (Née Butt) and Brian, a son, Thomas James.

KING - On January 9th, at John Radcliffe Hospital to Joanna (née Reid) and Stephen, a daughter Rebecca Anne, a sister for Benjamin. Our thanks to the NHS.

MUNN - On January 25th, to Caroline (née Watney) and Geoffrey, a son Edward Ivo, a brother for Alexander, born the same day as his cousin Theodora Pengelley.

PENGELLEY - On January 25th, to Louise (née Watney) and Simon a son Theodore (Theo) a brother for Oliver and Hugo. A twin cousin to Edward Munn.

REDDAWAY - On January 27th, to Susan and Henry, a daughter.

SMART - On January 12th 1988, to Sally (née Lawton) and John, a son, Henry Joshua Lawton (Harry), a brother for Jessica.

TAYLOR - On January 27th, to Hazell, (née Godwin), and William, a son, William Charles, a brother for Elizabeth.

TOURNIER - On January 27th, to Nicola, (née Nicholaidis) and Pericles, a son, Petros Vassilis, a brother to Stelios.

VAUGHAN - On December 21st, 1987, to Debbie (née Randall) and Christopher of the Old Rectory, Haversham, Milton Keynes, a daughter, Miranda Daisy a sister for Madeleine.

VILLA - On January 27th, at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, to Jane (née Davis) and Patrick, a daughter, Catherine Louise, a sister for Thomas and Michael.

WALDEGRAVE - On January 26th, to Caroline and William, a daughter.

WORRALL - On Tuesday January 26th, at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, to Jo (née Armitstead) and Stephen, a daughter, Sophie Charlotte Anna.

DEATHS

BODIS - On Sunday January 24, 1988, At his home in Richmond Surrey, Gerald Alexander aged 49 years. He will be sadly missed by his family and his friends. Funeral Service to be held at All Hallows Church, Mossley Hill, Liverpool 18, on Wednesday February 3, 1988, at 1.30 pm. Followed by cremation at Springwood Crematorium, Springwood Avenue, Liverpool 25. Floral Tributes to Craven Lodge, Broadgreen Road, Liverpool 13 5SG.

BOTTERELL - On 29th January, James Dunsville, of Burley, New Forest, father of Gillian and Biddy. Private Cremation, no flowers his request. All donations please to Lymington Hospital League of Friends.

FLOWER - On January 27th, peacefully in Enstcombe Gloucestershire, Emmeline Mary Sarita (Rita), aged 77 years, of Little Melton, Norwich. Dearly loved mother of John, Jean, Audrey and Ann and beloved by family and grandchildren. Funeral Service at Brimscombe Parish Church, Gloucestershire, Friday February 5th at 1.30pm. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to Marie Curie Nurses C/O Phillip Ford & Son Funeral Directors Ltd., Stroud, Gloucestershire. Thanksgiving Service in Norwich to be announced later.

GRANT - On January 28th, peacefully, Ian Seafield Murray Grant, beloved husband of Patricia. Funeral service 11.30am, Thursday 4th February at Mortlake Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Trinity Hospice, 30 Clapham Common Northside, SW4.

GRIFFITH - On January 26th 1988, at home after a short illness, John Robert Clavey, beloved husband of Elizabeth, father of Susan and Simon. Service at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth on Tuesday February 2nd at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations to the World Wild Life Fund c/o R.A. Brooks and Son, 35 Wivelsfield Rd, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. Tel 0444 454391.

HARRIS - On January 28th 1988, peacefully in a nursing home in Bognor Regis, Kathleen Mabel, aged 96 years. Loving wife of the late Clarence, beloved mother of Sheila and loving grandmother. Funeral service to take place on Wednesday 3rd February at Chichester Crematorium at 4pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired may be sent to Save the Children Fund, C/o Reynolds Funeral Service, 31 The High Street, Bognor Regis, Tel. 02243 864745.

HIGHAM - On January 29th, Francesca Mary Antonietta (née Ronan), bravely and in faith, beloved wife of John, darling mother of Miranda, Charlotte and Christian, adored daughter of Richard and Luce, dearest sister of Richard, Katherine and Michelle, much loved by her many friends and other relations. Requiem Mass at the Church of St Edward the Confessor, 700 Finchley Road, London NW11 on Thursday February 4th at 12 noon, followed by Interment at Hampstead Cemetery, Fortune Green Road, London NW6. Flowers to A France & Son Ltd, 14 Watford Way, London NW4. Donations to The Royal Free Hospital, Breast Cancer Appeal, Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW3.

HEDLEY - On January 29th, peacefully in Cheltenham, aged 69 years. Hilda Mabel Hedley C.B. of Winchcombe, formerly of Dulwich, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Hedley of Cheltenham. Funeral at Cheltenham Crematorium on February 8th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only.

HILTON-JOHNSON - On January 28th, peacefully in hospital, William Denne. Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

HIRST - On January 29th, at the Sloane Hospital Beckenham, Anne Hirst, wife of the late Henry Hirst and much loved mother of Marie, Kate, Richard and Stephen and her many grandchildren. Enquiries to W. Uden & Sons Ltd, 64 High Street, Sidcup, Kent. 01-300 2002.

HUMPHRIES - On Thursday 28th January in Hillingdon Hospital, Beatrice Solveig Avenstrup (née Sivertsen). Funeral Uxbridge Gospel Hall on Friday 5th February 1988 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation or British Diabetics Association.

LAKATOS - On January 28th, suddenly, Laszlo, husband of Roxanna and father of Anna and Alexander. Requiem at St. Augustine's, Fulham Palace Road, W6, February 4th at 10 am.

MAYZMER - On January 23rd 1988, Stanley André suddenly at home in Geneva. Private family funeral in Geneva.

MOTT - On January 29th 1988, peacefully at her home in St Albans Road, Reigate, D H (Dobbie) Mott, aged 80 years, beloved wife of Henry (George), dearly loved mother of Judy, Clare and Barbara and dearest Gabby to all her grandchildren. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Holy Family, Yorke Road, Reigate, on Thursday February 4th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations for Cancer Research Campaign may be sent to Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Redhill.

MUSSETT - On January 28th peacefully in hospital after a long illness borne with great patience, Alfred Lumley Mussett aged 73, beloved husband of Barbara, dear father of Nigel and Geoffrey and much loved grandfather. Funeral service on Thursday 4th February at 11 am at The Baptist Church, Brown Street, Salisbury, followed by interment at The London Road Cemetery. Family flowers only please, but donation in his memory for the Westham Central Mission may be sent to H A Harrold & Son, 77 Estcourt Road, Salisbury. Tel (0722) 21177.

NICHOLAS - On January 27th 1988, in her sleep, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, Evelina May Nicholas M.B.E. Daughter of the late Rev. W.D. Nicholas and beloved sister of Herbert Nicholas. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium, at 3.15 pm on Monday 1st February. No flowers by request.

NOCK - On January 27th in hospital Harry Arthur, aged 76. Cremation at 2.00 pm on Thursday February 4th at Swindon Crematorium. No flowers please but donations if desired to Great Ormond Street Wishing Well Appeal.

PAPP - On 27th January 1988, at Battle Hospital, Reading, after a long illness, in her 72th year, Barbara, widow of Elek. Cremation at Reading Crematorium on Thursday 4th February 1988 at 11.30 am. Flowers to Cyril Lovegrove, Oxford Road, Reading.

RIDDLE - On January 26th, suddenly at home in Woking, Alan Charles C.B.E., B.S.C, President of Bracknell and District Cricket Club. Funeral service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Bracknell, on Thursday February 4th at 12 noon. All enquiries to C H Lovegrove, Woking 73456.

SMITH - On 29th January, in Scarborough, Henry, Ex-Vice Principal, Ruskin College Oxford. Funeral Scarborough Crematorium Thursday 4th February 1.30pm. For details call Scarborough 361152

THOMPSON - On January 23rd, Suddenly at home, Jean S, aged 84 years, widow of Alastair Thompson. Funeral service at Woking Crematorium, St Johns on Wednesday February 10th at 2.00 pm. Enquiries Telephone (04862) 61754.

WARD - On January 27th, suddenly, Norman Hawley, aged 62 of Cherwell, Meadway, Berkhamsted. Beloved husband of Ann, and loving father of Andrew and Penelope and father-in-law to Amanda. Funeral service to be held on Thursday, February 4th, 11am at St Michael and All Angels, Sunnyside, Berkhamsted followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, for The British Heart Foundation, c/o G Hall & Sons, 3 Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

WILD - On January 29th, in Sheffield, Jack aged 60 years of 1 Gilleyfield Avenue, Dore, Sheffield. Beloved husband of Betty, devoted father of Michael and Judith, dear father-in-law of Georgina and Martin, and loving grandpop of Selina and Kevin. Service at Chesterfield, Dora, Friday February 5th at 1.15 pm and at Hutcliffe Wood crematorium, 2.00 pm. No flowers please. Donations for Cancer Research may be sent to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors, Sheffield

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BROUGHALL - A Thanksgiving Service for Canon John Broughall, Eucharist, 11.30 am, February 13th, Guildford Cathedral.

FRASER - A memorial service to celebrate the life of Bill Fraser will be held on Thursday 4th February at 12 noon, St. Paul's Church, Covent Garden, WC2.

PARSHAN - A Memorial Service for Manoog Parikian will be held at St. Peter's Church, Cranley Gardens, SW7 on Saturday February 13th at 11.30 am.

WALTON - A memorial service for the life of John Walton T.D., A.T.D., F.R.S.A., former Director of Art at Oakham School, Rutland, is to be held in the School Chapel on Sunday 7th February 1988 at 2.30pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BARNES - On 1st February 1987, Simon. Sadly missed by his B.T. friends, Love Karen.

HOPPS - Ralph. February 1st 1985. Remembered with love.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Edward Coke, lord chief justice 1613-16, Milham, Norfolk, 1552; John Philip Kemble, actor-manager, Prescot, Lancashire, 1757; Louis Blanqui, socialist, Puget-Théniers, France, 1805; Dame Clara Butt, contralto singer, Southwick, Sussex, 1872; Hugo von Hofmannsthal, dramatist and poet, Vienna, 1874; Louis St Laurent, prime minister of Canada 1948-57, Compton, Quebec, 1882; Clark Gable, Cadiz, Ohio, 1901.

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Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Professor R. J. Johnston, of Sheffield University, to be Junior Vice-President of the Institute of British Geographers, to succeed to the presidency in 1990. Mr Peter Dicken, of Manchester University, to be honorary secretary.

Parliament this week

Commons

Today (2.30): Government motion to guillotine debate on the Education (Reform) Bill. Farm Land and Rural Development Bill, second reading. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency Bill, remaining stages.

Tomorrow (2.30): Public Utility Transfers and Water Charges Bill. Motion on Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order.

Wednesday (2.30): Licensing Bill and Welsh Development Agency Bill, remaining stages.

Thursday (2.30): Debate on White Paper on Human Fertilisation and Embryology: A Framework for Legislation.

Friday (9.30): Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Rear Seat Belts by Children) Bill and other backbench Bills, second readings.

Lords

Today (2.30): Local Government Bill, committee, third day. Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Bill, committee.

Tomorrow (2.30): Local Covernment Bill, committee, fourth day.

Wednesday (2.30): Debates on world Aids summit; completion of EEC internal market; afforestation in Northern Ireland.

Thursday (3): Legal Aid Bill, report.

School stamp

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Weekly show of strength

Even this early in its new season, *Review* (BBC2, Sundays) has the handsome sheen of a winner. John Archer, the series editor, has turned his arts weekly into a programme without a visible guiding intelligence – that is, he's got rid of the front man. In an age when television producers put their trust in personalities rather than ideas, it was a brave as well as an astute decision.

And not only has he banished the presiding father figure, the programme no longer has a regular panel of reviewers. Instead, the choice of reviewer is determined by the subject and specialist critics are wheeled in to strut their erudite and, nearly always, stunningly illustrated stuff.

In theory, this should produce at least a small percentage of disasters: critics who make words dance on the page can become embarrassingly leaden-footed when they stare down the barrel of a camera lens.

But so far none of these new reviewers has stumbled and some, such as Eric Gibbs, the Cambridge academic who last week delivered a brilliantly concise essay on the social politics of Racine's drama, have been marvels of poised confidence. This is more than luck, it is very clever casting.

In last night's programme the casting was again close to perfection. Mark Lawson, arts editor of *The Independent*, probed amusingly into television's narrow vision of university life as a sex lab-

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oratory for surly students and randy dons; novelist David Lodge cast a generous eye on Tom Wolfe's first novel (forgiving the American journalist his famous sneer that the novel was an obsolete form).

Gavin Millar, equally distinguished as film maker and film critic, showed us an extraordinary cinema exhibition in Paris in which the audience is fed into a maze where the movies are literally wall to wall. Designed as a banquet for film buffs, it looked more like aversion therapy.

The *South Bank Show* (ITV, also Sundays), with its very visible guiding intelligence in Melvyn Bragg, came up with a curiously compelling history of Boogie Woogie, the minor branch of jazz which sprang to crude but vigorous life in the logging camps of Texas and Louisiana. It had wonderful archive footage; someone should strike a medal for film researcher Kate Newington.

Boogie Woogie was a piano style that evolved the "walking left hand" to compensate for a missing rhythm section. It was sneered at by some jazz musicians when it became a popular craze in the 1940s but, despite its limited harmonics, its influence on popular music, especially rhythm and blues, has been extensive.

The programme unearthed some of Boogie Woogie's great exponents, in the flesh and on grainy film. It was impossible to resist those fat men in panama hats with their resonant names – Meade Lux Lewis, Pinetop Smith, Professor Longhair and, from Germany, an improbable new boy called Axel Swinenberger.

Michael Dean



Fun and games

Iain Heggie (left), the Scottish playwright, has two comedies opening this week – one in London and one in Manchester. He talks to Judy Meewezen

Since winning a special prize in the 1985 Mobil playwriting competition, Glaswegian Iain Heggie has revealed an individual method of writing which owes as much to English stand-up comedy as it does to his admiration of Mamet, Chekhov and Albee.

Heggie, the 34-year-old son of a policeman, has gone back to live in Glasgow. Before turning to writing, his numerous jobs included work as a PT instructor in a Glasgow health club and a teacher of improvisational drama.

Four years ago he sold his flat and came down to London to seek fame as a playwright and stand-up comic.

"Glaswegians simply cannot stop expressing themselves and all my plays so far have examined ways of making that theatrical," he says. The two comedies which open this week are not a celebration of the people of Glasgow nor of their dialect, but are rather a joyful recognition of the ways in which language can be used to construct a manageable environment.

Opening tonight at the Royal Court is Richard Wilson's production of *A Wholly Healthy Glasgow*, which played to 88 per cent houses in Manchester and was sold out at the Edinburgh festival. *American Bagpipes*, which was commissioned during Heggie's year as writer-in-residence at the Royal Exchange, is directed by Casper Wrede at that theatre.

He sees himself as a moralist, but dislikes the way most new English plays reach resolutions that take a particular stance towards morality: "Talking to English writers I get the feeling that it's very important to them to have a completed position on things. My view is that we live inside moral issues and that while the world is as it is, there can be no real resolution. I like to watch the clarity of moral choice fly by while people are living their lives."

A Wholly Healthy Glasgow takes its title from the aspirations of young Murdo Caldwell, who starts work at a health club in the hope that all his fellow citizens will be thoroughly healthy by 1990. Very slowly it emerges that despite Murdo's infuriatingly puritanical naivety, he has engaged in questionable practices with the club's owner, Bobby Bybugger.

Murdo is a contemporary version of Ibsen's arch-idealist, Gregers Werle, and the moral atmosphere in *A Wholly Healthy Glasgow* is as evident – and as ironic – as in any of Ibsen's plays. But Heggie's work is rooted in comedy and in the collisions of characters who are, in the author's words, "badly socialized".

The language in *A Wholly Healthy Glasgow* is rich in quirky and memorable examples of Glasgow patois and more commonplace expletives. The characters have created a jargon for themselves, which somehow protects them from the harshness of reality. In the new play, *American Bagpipes*, the language is less specific, Heggie explains, because it is not set in a place of work. A family with an unhappy past is ushered into a reunion for which none of them is properly prepared.

Each of the four characters has evolved comfortable ways of living with the past. The family is forced to confront the unbearable truth that their comfort is false and perishable. A series of surprising revelations leads to a similar discovery in *A Wholly Healthy Glasgow*.

One of the essential aspects of theatre, Heggie believes, is engagement "not in the political sense, more in the context of complete involvement in what is happening on the stage. Audiences should forget the here and now, not try to analyze the writer's ideas, but lose itself entirely for an hour or two. If it is to be truly didactic, a piece of theatre must also be thoroughly entertaining."

ROCK

Briefly fizzy

Pere Ubu
ICA

"It's time to get metaphysical. Are you all metafizzing out there?" asked David Thomas, prior to playing a furiously paced "George Had A Hat". In truth, the audience that had turned out to see the first British date in seven years by the re-formed "avant-garage" band from Cleveland, Ohio, was not so much fizzing as steaming; a melée of drunken poseurs sloshing lager with careless abandon around the national shrine of art-rock performance.

With a recorded legacy which remains unrivalled and unlistenable in roughly equal proportions, Pere Ubu was the nearest thing to Captain Beefheart's Magic Band to be thrown up by the American new wave of the Seventies, and until the group's demise in 1982, it provided a benchmark for "intellectual" post-punk rock 'n' roll.

Apart from the substitution of the guitarist Jim Jones for Tom Herman, and the addition of a second drummer, Chris Cutler, formerly of Henry Cow, the reconstituted Pere Ubu has retained its original line-up. The band started with the comfortingly familiar "Non-Alignment Pact", Allen Ravenstine's antiquated synthesizer sounding like the whistle of a boiling kettle, Tony Maimone's bass sawing at the upper registers like a cello and David Thomas's fog-horn vocals gusting in and out of the mix like the sound at a windy open-air event.

The new double drummer set-up facilitated some remarkable displays of percussive attack, most notably during "Navvy" and an epic rendition of "The Final Solution". Jones stylishly chopped out the gorgeous guitar riffs of "Talk To Me" and "We Have The Technology" and Thomas, who with a new configuration of facial hair even *looks* a bit like Beefheart these days, remained a perennially engaging personality, no matter what incomprehensible gibberish he ended up singing.

However, for reasons best known to the band, an enjoyable and, above all, accessible performance ended rather abruptly. No doubt still contemplating the philosophical nuances of the show, the thinking man's rock 'n' roll audience wobbled its way with surly intent towards the exit.

David Sinclair

Rumours of death not so exaggerated

RADIO

In the hierarchy of ultimate questions, "Is death an end?" must come somewhere near the top but, as with most such questions, convincing answers have been hard to come by. Frontier-crossers, as Hamlet pointed out, do not return.

Or do they? There is a small but now quite noticeable group of people who, as a result of medical advances, have been resuscitated minutes, sometimes very many minutes, after apparent death. In **Into the Light** (Radio 4, Sunday, repeating Tuesday) Jocelyn Ryder-Smith spoke to a number of them and to some of the professionals – though not, I noticed, the established religious professionals – who have been studying what these travellers have to tell and trying to fathom it.

Obviously the near-death experience, as it is called, is impressive. Not every candidate has it, or can remember it, but those who do often claim to be changed for life, while another remarkable thing about them is the extent to which they all agree. Such consistency among witnesses in a court of law would smack of collusion, but that can hardly be suspected here. The out-of-body experience in which you look down on your dying self, the journey down the dark tunnel, the great light at the end of it, the sense of detachment, calm and "rightness", the command or the decision to return to life – all these are reported over and over again.

So what is happening? Dr Peter Fenwick, of the Institute of Psychiatry, said that in his opinion oxygen starvation of the brain – which is one explanation – cannot account for it. And yet, as the very phrase "near death experience" takes care to stress, these people are not really dead or they wouldn't be here to tell the tale, brain function evidently unimpaired.

It is also notable, I think, that what they tell is to some extent culturally conditioned. Though ineffable, the experience (which is an amazingly visual one) is perceived through the "eyes" of this life and, in almost every case, in Judaeo-Christian terms. Is it universal? We didn't really find out, and of course the ultimate question itself remains open.

Drama, except on Radios 3 and 4, has often appeared to be dead beyond resuscitation, but is in fact undergoing a prolonged near death experience from which it sometimes surfaces. Radio Clyde from time to time revives it and on these occasions, under Hamish Wilson's direction, it holds its head up in comparison with the BBC.

Stephen Mulrine's *The Ice House* was a Christmas ghost story which provoked the odd authentic tingle, while only last night, with Nick McCarty's **Elephant Dances**, the station put out one of the most credible plays about Aids I have heard.

Alison (Katy Murphy) is a nurse working among Aids patients, with one of whom (James McPherson) she forms a heart-warming friendship. This was well-observed, but so too and even more so was the visceral reaction of father, mother, brother and boyfriend to her involvement. Driven by fear, ignorance and unreconstructed anti-homosexuality, they bring to bear on her every kind of emotional pressure to give up nursing Aids. Her professional knowledge – that she is in no special danger – registers on them not at all. Only her father ultimately thaws a fraction.

I suppose that, in common with most other messages about Aids, this one did little to counter the belief that it is an early and a certain sentence of death – although, as an article by Pat Williams in a summer *Sunday Telegraph* made clear, this is by no means true. But it surely must have done something to scotch the notion that you have to die unloved and rejected.

David Wade

Love, laboured and lost

THEATRE

The Secret Life
Orange Tree

Harley Granville Barker's career as a dramatist peaked early, with *The Voysey Inheritance* and declined thereafter through *Waste*, *The Madras House* and this uneven, rambling play, published in 1922 but never staged before this gallant effort by Sam Walters's company.

Throughout Barker's work the erotic impulse is fated to follow a bizarre, impeded course. In this long conversation-piece his star-crossed lovers, the politician Strowde and Lady Joan, a diplomat's wife, extol the unsurpassable beauties of their love in passages of rhapsodic flimflam recalling Marie Corelli at her most impenetrable.

First, the plot. Strowde has abandoned what colleagues call a promising career (though I have my doubts) for reasons never established but related to his impatience with the second best – first best being that day of love spent 18 years earlier with newly married Joan. "And we didn't even kiss!" he exclaims. It is the very unobtainability of their love that makes it supreme, and in an effort to underpin this nonsense the play opens with Isolde's dying moments being sung to the accompaniment of a small piano (poorly tape recorded).



Humour and heroism: Geoffrey Beevers and Vivien Heilbron

The singer is a cynical Cabinet Minister, and when Barker writes about politics the dialogue is – or, when the actor playing Hariot is on stage, could be – fresh and ingenious. Funny too, with Angela Browne as a soignée political hostess and Michael Elwyn as the cynic.

Whatever could be done with the bloodless heroine Lady Joan is gamely essayed by Vivien Heilbron: she is beautiful, smiles if as nursing secret wisdoms and dresses in simple white. Aurial Smith makes a nicely sharp character of Strowde's blue-stockinged sister, and as Strowde himself Geoffrey Beevers's drily humorous style suggests a lifetime of tortuous poltical thinking.

Making their emotional obsessions carry conviction is, understandably, beyond the skills of anyone concerned.

Jeremy Kingston

The Park
Sheffield Crucible

In these days of Ayckbourn revivals throughout the kingdom it is a cause for cheers to find a regional rep risking the main house premiere of a new foreign work.

Botho Strauss's *The Park* is a tragi-comic postscript to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*: bringing the immortals back to a world stripped of romantic magic, and showing them putting up a last fight against the forces of "reasoning and making money".

If that sounds glib, I must add that the play errs much more towards excess complication than simplification, and that it is almost as much an echo of Wagner as of Shakespeare. For every reference to the Athenian wood, there are matching references to the dwarfs and dethroned deities of the *Ring*, and Strauss plays out the end of Oberon and Titania in the mood of *Götterdämmerung*.

For good measure, he also conflates *The Dream* legend with Pasiphae and the Bull.

As in *The Dream* the action proceeds simultaneously on a mythical and realistic plane: with the forlorn immortals haunting a park as a pair of fairy flashers, while a quarrelling lovers' quartet builds up between two best friends and their fiery partners.

Strauss writes in brief, amputated scenes, varying in tone from harsh comedy to epic desolation, and including several other groups and the magical figure of Cyprian – part Puck, part Daedalus – whose invention of erotic amulets spreads devastation.

It is a piece in which shafts of brilliant illumination alternate with splintered episodes where myth and narrative part company. I found some of it impenetrable; but am in no doubt that Clare Venables and Steven Pimlott have hit on the right playing style.

Tom Cairns evokes the park as a concrete wasteland with a patch of grass strewn with litter and mutilated classical statuary. On this wide expanse there are seldom fewer than three simultaneous actions. The handling of space is masterly; and likewise the decline of Titania (Cecily Hobbs) into a forgotten old lady, and Oberon (John Ramm) into a mortal who can hardly make his voice heard.

Irving Wardle

CONCERT

King's Singers
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Remember the students of 1968? Strange, then, that in the summer when Paris, the LSE and Grosvenor Square were seething with rebellion, the Queen Elizabeth Hall should have seen a student manifestation of such urbane, well-mannered conventionality that grannies were charmed and retired colonels everywhere were vastly reassured.

The début of the King's Singers? Not quite; the ensemble was then called "Schola Cantorum Pro Musica in Cantabridgiense". Twenty years on, most of the faces have changed but the ethos remains the same: utter vocal and platform professionalism, a mission to entertain and a laudable desire to extend the contemporary repertoire for male-voice sextet.

Last Friday night's American-orientated programme had a typical mix. Bob Chilcott's saucy American folksong arrangements and Andrew Pryce Jackman's Paul Simon medley, with gloriously anachronistic touches of pure British farce. There was also a sensuous setting of the *Lamentations of Jeremiah* by the Mexican choirmaster Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla, that really needed to be sung at half the speed in twice the resonance by four times the forces.

And there were two commissioned pieces. John McCabe's *Scenes in America Deserta* was a further exploration of this composer's fruitful obsession with desert imagery. It was rich in subtle colouristic effects that were brilliantly executed. Chicago composer Richard Manners's *Stopping by woods*, five Robert Frost settings, were mildly bitonal in places but always lyrical and straightforward in emotional appeal – as one might expect from the man who wrote the McDonalds commercial.

Richard Morrison

DANCE

Manon/Royal Ballet
Covent Garden

Probably the most popular of Kenneth MacMillan's original full length works, *Manon* returned to the Royal Ballet repertory on Saturday night with Jennifer Penny and Anthony Dowell in the leading roles. Now in her last season with the company before she returns to her native Canada, Penny is the last of the Royal Ballet's ballerinas to have been formed during the Ashton directorate and her departure will sever one of the last links with a style of dancing which won the company international acclaim.

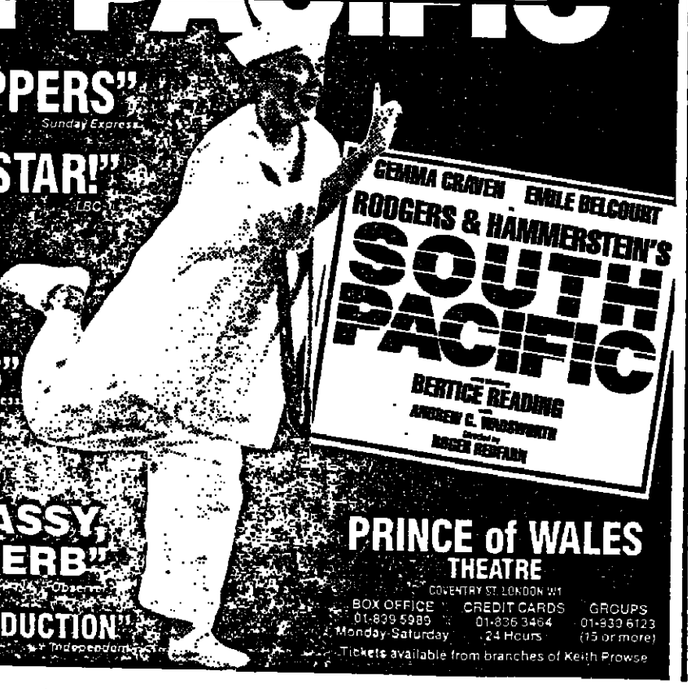
Blessed with an exceptionally beautiful physique, in recent years Penny has been mainly associated with the MacMillan repertory, and he has created a number of roles for her. But in every part she has undertaken, the outstanding characteristics of her dancing has been purity of style, musicality, and the subservience of technique to the expressive needs of the dance; benchmarks which Fonteyn laid down for her successors and which once served all the Royal Ballet's women.

Although Manon was not created for Penny she has put her stamp on the role using her blonde looks and luscious *plastique* to good advantage. Her Manon is a child, innocent in depravity and even in her dying moments unable to comprehend why fate has dealt her such a cruelly bad hand.

As her lover, Anthony Dowell provides strong physical and dramatic support, although his first solo was perhaps a little careful for an impetuous seminarian.

Stephen Jefferies as Manon's dissolute brother has the more coherent role, and seldom can there have been a more attractive bad lot, an opinion with which Fiona Chadwick as his long-suffering mistress would seem to concur.

Judith Cruickshank

"SOME ENCHANTED ENCORE" Standard
RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S
SOUTH PACIFIC
"WALL TO WALL SHOWSTOPPERS" Sunday Express
"GEMMA CRAVEN · WHAT A STAR!" LBC
"TERRIFIC" Times
"EMILE BELCOURT DESERVEDLY EARNED HIS CHEERS" Sunday Express
"A GREAT MUSICAL" Sunday Times
"BERTICE READING IS SASSY, CLASSY, MAJESTIC, SUPERB" Observer
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Between rosy image and reality

Next week the National Marriage Guidance Council celebrates its 50th year with a brand new look and a new name that has already raised eyebrows: Relate. But is the fact that the council took on 45,000 new cases last year — or that its image-makers consider marriage an old-fashioned word — cause for celebration or despair? In the first of a three-part series on the truth of our central relationship, Libby Purves examines the role models for marriage



Part 1
Great expectations

Advertising agencies do a great deal of research into our attitudes: they put hard money on the results. So for a canny guess as to what modern Britain really expects out of marriage, I turned first to Ailean Mills, of Dorland. She handles the Durex account and is working with the National Marriage Guidance Council's re-launch as well: it is much on her mind. Speaking in general terms, she was happy to fill me in on the ad-man's perception of our perception of modern marriage. It was pretty confused.

"If you want to portray marriage in advertising," Mills says, "you find yourself in a schizophrenic position. If it's a car or a lager targeted at men, then you show a very old-fashioned set-up, with the man escaping his wife to go to the pub, and the wife as 'her-indoors'. If it's a perfume ad, aimed at men — then you show Jane Seymour looking like every man's fantasy."

So much for men's expectations. If your target is women, however, you do something entirely different. "You show an equal marriage, with the wife strong, thoughtful, in control of things. That's if you're selling something that women will chiefly buy, like Oxo.

"But there are some quite daring ads around: there's one where the husband shoves his shirt in the washing machine with a lipstick stain on it, the implication is he's having an affair; then the wife gets back and shoves her blouse in, same reason . . . we're talking to up-market people here."

Advertising research questionnaires also throw up a few good laughs. "We regularly ask couples how often they make love. The men always say three or four times a week, the women always say once or twice. And when we do group research sessions for financial accounts, the men always say they handle all the family finances. But separately, we ask the women and they say that they handle it all."

Happy ever after? Some chance. If we can kid ourselves so comprehensively from inside marriage, what impossible dreams do we not have before it?

"Assumptions and expectations," says Moira Fryer, a veteran counsellor, "don't half bedevil early marriage."

"Women in particular," adds Zelda West-Meads of the National Marriage Guidance Council, "have much higher expectations than 20 years ago. We seem to be asking for a full and all-round relationship, to be friends and lovers, have a good standard of living, two careers, and children."

Anyone who has been married for more than five years could confirm the gap between image and reality: it is not just the obvious decline from taffeta crinoline to baby-stained maternity dungarees, but the gradual erosion, by habit and human weakness, of all those brave resolutions about equality, openness, mutual respect and home-made bread.

Survive the first years, adjust the expectations, and your chances of survival rise. One woman, veteran of a lifetime's old-fashioned wedlock, told me on my wedding day that the essential thing is that "the man should have a shed. Down the garden, so that he can get away from his wife and children". My suggestion that a woman, too, might need a shed was met with a shrug and a sphinx-like smile. I'd learn, she implied. Fairness is not the essence of marriage. Pragmatism is.

But who creates all these expectations in the first place? Whose fault is it that young couples continue to blunder into marriage with rose-tinted spectacles and end up sore and bewildered a few years later in a solicitor's office — or, if they are more reflective, in a counsellor's?

Fryer distinguishes between "assumptions" — which are unconscious — and "expectations", which are conscious and cultural. "Everyone has assumptions, based on the norm of behaviour in their own family — certain nitty-gritty daily things which you unconsciously think will be the same.

"Freedom over cash, who gets up and makes the tea, the way you speak to one another . . . and because they're unconscious assumptions, they can't be discussed and negotiated. They just cause mounting annoyance."



Calman

The more severe version of this happens when the children of divorced parents find they are almost "programmed" towards divorce themselves. All the professionals agree that the best chance of a decent and enduring marriage belongs to children of close, loving homes who have seen their parents being, as Robin Skynner, psychiatrist and author of *Families and How to Survive Them* says, "very open and realistic. Showing anger or irritation, showing a lot of love. Nearly all the problems I deal with are to do with denial: people putting things behind screens and refusing to accept reality".

This level of difficulty, however, has always been there. What is new in this century is the explosion of television, films, advertising and impossibly glossy celebrity images. Very young people in particular, Moira admits "do look outside their family for role models" and people of all ages inevitably find their outlook coloured by the media. Witness the rapid erosion of the taboos on divorce and illegitimacy: 50 years ago a divorced man in a conventional profession might fear the loss of his job. Today, he can be Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Twenty-five years ago, a young woman who had an affair with a married man, a father, and bore his baby, would feel at least a certain awkwardness about it: today, several film stars later, Anne Diamond's baby is the toast of *TV Times*.

These images must help to change our perceptions: they "remove certain mental obstacles", as Fryer puts it, for undecided men and women whose situation mirrors theirs.

Whether this relaxation is good and humane or an irresponsible encouragement to infidelity depends on your own views. But there is another, subtler source of marital discontent: the smooth, sweet and glamorous image of married life portrayed by the frothier three-quarters of television. "Even when they squabble in sitcoms, it's all so cosy and witty," says Virginia Ironside, the agony aunt of *Woman* and the child of divorced parents. "Like kittens squabbling. As if quarrels didn't matter. Whereas in real life they are horrid, they hurt people."

As for the advertisements, despite the kittenish "realism" of the new Oxo family, they conspire to present the perfect yuppie family — tidy, friendly, equal and affluent — as some sort of norm. And they give no clues to marriage's mysterious inner realities, something each couple must form for itself.

Skynner speaks of "the secret contracts" of marriage. "People marry for some very obvious reasons, and for others not obvious even to themselves. The businessman who seems powerful and strong, even to himself, marries a wife with a traditional submissive role: but there may be a secret contract that she will mother and nurture him."

A downtrodden wife may be, secretly, the boss; a strong decisive woman may want to be cosseted and tucked in at night. "You just look at the Valentine columns in the papers next week, all that babytalk. They prove beyond doubt that people get married because they want to be babies with each other. But that's not in the written contract, is it?"

It is an inspiring thought. Perhaps next week's outpourings by Piggy-Wiggy, Pooh Bear and Snugglebotty may, after all, be the only accurate and truthful portrait of marriage anywhere in the media. An index of secret contracts.

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HOW THE WEDDING TABLES HAVE TURNED

	1963	1965	1968	1971	1975	1986
Total marriages	351,000	371,000	408,000	405,000	381,000	348,000
First time marriages	302,000	330,000	339,000	343,000	320,000	253,000
Second for one or both partners	49,000	41,000	69,000	62,000	61,000	95,000

● Recent figures show that there were 86,000 fewer first marriages in 1986 than there were 20 years ago while the proportion of couples who choose to live together outside wedlock has doubled over the last six years. The number of teenage weddings has also fallen and the average age of both bride and groom has risen by two years since 1968 to 24.1 and 26.3 years respectively.

● The one statistic to go against the trend is the number of marriages where one or both partners have been married before. These second-time marriages are up 26,000 on 1968. Unfortunately, the number of second marriages which end in second divorces has also risen, the average length of a second marriage being seven years compared to 10 years for a first marriage.

Source: Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

TOMORROW

What makes a 'good' marriage — and how do you know when it has gone wrong?

Sharing an ambiguous ideal?

Penny Mansfield, a marriage researcher, has no doubt that there are people with unrealistic expectations of marriage. "Quite young women who come from troubled homes see marriage as a haven from responsibilities," she says.

"There is a lot of ambiguity in that some women seek out men to rely on, and yet they don't want to be dominated. All the romantic imagery of marriage is to do with being led and having someone to make decisions for you. Yet when women become mothers, they begin to realize how capable they are and start to question the relationship." Despite all this, she believes that most expectations of newlyweds are realistic.

Mansfield, who works at the Marriage Research Centre in Central Middlesex Hospital, London, has made a study of a group of young couples who married in 1979. Her book, *The Beginning of the Rest of Your Life?*, written in collaboration with Jean Collard, will be published in the spring.



Penny Mansfield

Difficulties can arise, says Mansfield, when people expect marriage to be a route to independence away from parents, "because marriage is a relationship which is crucially interdependent and this can lead to problems pretty quickly. People also seek marriage because they are looking for a close relationship. But, at the same time, the traditional institution of marriage means they are taking on the roles of husbands and wives — and husbands and wives as defined by tradition, are not equal."

This last point is confirmed by David Clark, Research Fellow at Sheffield Polytechnic. His book, *Wedlocked*, due out this autumn, is a study of conflict in marriage. He has found that "very often, couples in the early stage of marriage expect their lives to revolve around one another with an equitable division of labour. Then, when the first baby arrives, the woman stays at home. All of that egalitarian ethos gets eroded and they slip back into a more traditional pattern which perhaps echoes their own parents' relationships".

Unspoken expectations and assumptions, says Mansfield, often lead to confusion: "When people marry, they have a very strong sense of the future. Marriage heightens their sense of where they are going, and they make the assumption that they are going in the same direction. While this may be broadly true, and people might be pointing in the same direction, their ideas of what they need to do to get there can be very different."

Sara Driver

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Life in the fast lane

TALKBACK

From John W Pepper, Cedar Court, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire

"Return of the natives", Jane Bidder's report on two families returning to the UK, prompted my letter. I returned in September, 1987, having lived and worked for five years in the Caribbean. Upon arrival at Heathrow and then undertaking my journey home, I was somewhat surprised with the high speeds at which the majority of motorists were travelling. I thought perhaps I had missed reference to the lifting of maximum restrictions on the motorways.

Where is everyone rushing to, and for what purpose? Certainly not to one's place of work! It appears to me that once behind a desk, everything comes to a complete standstill and each day I am more convinced that I have moved from one backward island to another. I was consistently assured during my secondment that this country was making great strides forward but I have failed to see any evidence so far.

From Mrs Andrina Cossey, Vernon Place, Falmouth, Cornwall

I read Libby Purves's article "A wife on the ocean wave" (January 18) with interest, as a keen woman sailor and part-time live-aboard. Purves suggests that many boats, in the Caribbean for example, "yield a surprising number of respectable English matrons baking bread and pegging out pillowslips in the rigging". I must protest about the term "matron". My dictionary defines "matron" as a "married woman regarded as staid or dignified". Does baking bread (common sense when afloat away from civilization) or doing the washing, make us staid?

Rather at odds, surely, with another quote from the article, that "to live afloat you need an adventurous spirit".

From Mrs H. D. Newman, Hugheader Road, Clifton, Bristol

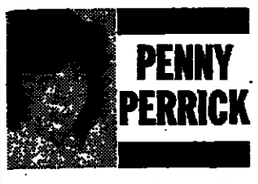
After your piece about Janet Cohen ("Leading a double life", January 18), may we now have a feature on a husband who is a highly qualified merchant banker, comes home in time to help with Latin prep, and, after the children are in bed, writes a book instead of watching the news? Then, maybe, a few men will suffer the feeling of inadequacy your writers seem to enjoy giving most of your "ordinary" women readers.

From Gershon Ellenbogen, Montague Square, London W1

Penny Perrick regrets (January 11) that "There is no word in English to describe that particular, special sort of pride that one feels in the achievements of one's children". But the verb "kvell", which exactly expresses that emotion, is already (like other Yiddish loan-words, such as "chutzpah", "meshugga" and "nosh") to be found in the Supplement to the *Oxford English Dictionary*.

Pupils of Robert Smythe Upper School did not appear in an Aids play as suggested in a photographic caption on the Wednesday Page on January 27. The performers were members of Theatre in Education.

Screened for heroines



PENNY PERRICK

In times of peril the film industry gets a lot of interference. For instance, during the Second World War, the American government leaned heavily on Hollywood to stop showing British allies as toffee-nosed snobs and, over here, the government sponsored several feature films which crammed the screen with stiff upper lips and choppy seas.

Once the danger is over, the propaganda machine is meant to pack up and go home. Only I don't think it did. Somewhere, in a mouldering office, with shiny pictures of J. Arthur Rank starlets tacked to the wall with rusted drawing pins, somebody is sitting, making sure we get what is cinematically good for us.

How else explain the complete U-turn made by the cinema in the space of 10 years, most especially in the role of women? Do you remember the films of a decade or so ago? There was Jill Clayburgh in *An Unmarried Woman*, rejecting Alan Bates for a life of independence and, as the credits came up, she was seen struggling happy and alone, lugging a huge painting home with her — a farewell gift from the artist she had decided not to devote her life to.

There was Sally Field in *Norma Rae*, devoting *her* life to setting up a trade union. There was Meryl Streep in *Kramer vs Kramer*, intended to be an object of sympathy, even though she deserted husband and child. In the courtroom scene in this film, when both parents had to reveal their salary, I remember the audience laughing delightedly when Streep turned out to be earning more than Dustin Hoffman. No one, absolutely no one, yelled "Kill the bitch!"

How was it that the working woman enjoyed this brief spell as a film heroine? I suspect it had little to do with respect and admiration and a lot to do with economics and the employment situation. It was a time of labour shortage and women were needed out there. To make the message clearer, stay-at-homes were seen as dissatisfied and unfulfilled, like Shirley MacLaine in *The Turning Point*, forever regretting that she had had a baby instead of becoming a ballerina.

How things have changed. I don't even have to mention the name of the film that has underscored the new movie propaganda: that women who work are turned into psychopaths by the cold, lonely lives they lead. But if you can keep your mind off the heavily-hyped rabbit casserole and flying butchers' knives, please notice that never is the villainess shown actually *working* (there is obviously a ban on anything that might smack of career fulfilment), and that the housewife heroine, living in the style of colour supplement country living, would, but a few years back, have been shown going a bit peculiar in films like *Diary of a Mad Housewife*.

Sensible women will not take seriously the message currently being delivered by the medium of the movies, but will sit tight and wait for the propaganda machine to change track.

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ANDROMACHE:** Janet Suzman plays Racine's tragic heroine in the opening production of Jonathan Miller's season of classics.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £6-£14.

★ **CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF:** Lindsay Duncan and Ian Charleson in Tennessee Williams's drama of sexual frustration and inhibition in the Deep South. With Eric Porter as Big Daddy.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Previews Jan 25-Feb 2. 7.45pm. First night Feb 3, 7pm. Then in Rep. Previews £5.50-£9. From Feb 3, £5.50-£13.

☆ **COMPANY:** Tim Pigott-Smith's award-winning production of Julian Curry in Beckett's memory play.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tubes: Leicester Square/Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.15-8.15pm, £5-£7. Part of a double bill with *Kid's Stuff*. Mon-Thurs £8 covers both shows.

☆ **THE FILM SOCIETY:** Denis Lawson and James Aubrey in new play by Jon Robin Baitz set in a pukka public school in Durban, 1976.
Hampstead Theatre, Avenue Road, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Previews Feb 1-3, 8-10.30pm. First night Feb 4, 7-9.30pm. Then Mon to Sat, 8-10.30pm. All Sat mats sold out. Previews £5.50. From Feb 4, Mon-Fri £6, Sat eves £7.

☆ **THE FOREIGNER:** Patchy comedy. Nicholas Lyndhurst as a timid tourist in the US struck dumb with nerves.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3-5.30pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **KID'S STUFF:** Australian mime Julie Forsyth as a small boy discovering the richness of life in a play by the Frenchman Raymond Cousse.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tubes: Leicester Square/Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8.45-10.15pm, £5-£7. Part of double-bill with *Company*. Mon-Thurs £8 covers both shows.

★ **KING OF ENGLAND:** Rudolph Walker plays a London tube driver, retiring to Jamaica, who treats his family to a smart Soho dinner. New Barry Keefe play.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford East, E15 (01 534 0310) Tube: Stratford East. First night tonight, 7.30-10.0pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm. Previews £3. From Feb 1 £2.50 to £6.50

☆ **KIT AND THE WIDOW:** Devilishly witty double act: Kit sings and plucks a violin, the Widow plays on a white piano. For two weeks only.
Lyric Studio Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311) Tube: Hammersmith. Mon to Sat 8-10pm, £5.

☆ **SHIRLEY VALENTINE:** New Willy Russell play: outstanding performance by Pauline Collins as the downtrodden housewife tempted by a Greek Island
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat, 7.30-9.45pm, mat Wed 2.30-4.45pm, £6-£13.50.

☆ **A TOUCH OF THE POET:** Vanessa Redgrave and Timothy Dalton star in Eugene O'Neill's last play: illusions of grandeur in a seedy Boston tavern.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Previews tonight, 7.30-10.45pm. First night Feb 2, 7-10.15pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30-10.45pm, mats Sat 2-5.15pm, £7.50.

★ **A WHOLLY HEALTHY GLASGOW:** Iain Heggie's joyfully adult comedy about an earnest young newcomer's impact on a crooked health club.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon to Sat 8-10.15pm, mat Sat 4-6.15pm, Mon £4, Tue to Sat eve £4-£10, Sat mat £4-£6.

☆ **YOU NEVER CAN TELL:** Toby Robertson's starry Shaw, with Michael Hordern, Irene Worth and Michael Denison.
Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-6pm, £7.50-£14.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **High Society:** Victoria Palace Theatre (01-834 1317). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Theatre (01-828 8665). . . ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

EDINBURGH: ☆ **Charley's Aunt:** Rupert Farley plays the much-chased aunt in the immortal farce.
Royal Lyceum Theatre, Grindlay Street (031 229 9697). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £3.80-£6.

GLASGOW: ☆ **The Vortex:** Maria Aitken and Rupert Everett play the "rotten to the core" mother and outraged son in Coward's one-time shocker.
Citizen's Theatre, Gorbals (041 429 5561), Mon-Sat 7.30, £3.

LIVERPOOL: ☆ **Passion Play:** Husband and wife struggle against their talkative inner selves in Peter Nichols's bitter comedy about marital straying.
Playhouse, Williamson Square (051 709 8363) Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri & Sat 8pm. Mon-Fri, £3-£5.50 Sat £3-£6.

LEEDS: ☆ **Mrs Warren's Profession:** Helen Cotterill and Janine Wood in welcome revival of Shaw's once-banned drama.
Playhouse Theatre, Caverly Street (0532 442111), Mon and Tue 7pm, Wed-Sat 7.30, £3-£6.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

■ **ANGEL HEART (18):** Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective pursues a missing person to the voodoo underworld of New Orleans. Pulp stuff, directed by Alan Parker in slam-bang style (113 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.20.

CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments: with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
☎ Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234). Progs 2.00, 5.40, 8.30.

THE DEAD (U): John Huston's final film – a poignant adaptation of James Joyce's story about a post-Christmas party in Dublin, full of mellow reflections on life, marriage and death. With Angelica Huston, Donal McCann (82 min).
Chelsea (01-351 3742). Progs 1.40, 3.30, 5.20, 7.15, 9.10.

■ **FATAL ATTRACTION (18):** A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and family. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling thriller (119 min).
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.25.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.25, 8.20.
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.00.
☎ Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 4.15, 7.00, 9.30, 12.00.
☎ Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 3.50, 6.10, 8.40.

THE GLASS MENAGERIE (PG): Tennessee Williams's hothouse play about a tortured family. With Joanne Woodward as the overbearing mother, Karen Allen as her crippled daughter and John Malkovich as the smothered son. Paul Newman directs but does not appear (134 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.25.

■ **HOPE AND GLORY (15):** John Boorman's autobiographical account of an ordinary family living through the extraordinary days of the London blitz. Vivid, anecdotal; with Sebastian Rice-Edwards and Sammi Davis (113 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.20, 3.30, 5.55, 8.20.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.50, 8.30.

LITTLE DORRIT (U): Worthy and painstaking Dickens adaptation in two three-hour parts with newcomer Sarah Pickering as the daughter born in a debtor's prison. Derek Jacobi as the troubled hero, and a lengthy cast of notables. Written, edited, designed and directed by Christine Edzard (180 min).
☎ Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs: Part one: Fri, Sat, Tues and Thurs 2.30; Fri, Mon and Wed 7.30. Part two: Mon and Wed 2.30; Sat, Sun, Tues and Thurs 7.30.

■ **THE LOST BOYS (15):** Adolescent vampire teenagers. The young cast includes Jason Patric, Corey Haim and Jami Gertz; Joel Schumacher directs (97 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 6.00, 8.35.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.20, 4.20, 6.25, 8.30.
☎ Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.25, 8.35.
☎ Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.25, 8.40, 11.15.

MANON DES SOURCES (PG): Ten years after the death of Jean de Florette, his 18-year-old daughter still haunts the hills overlooking the farm stolen from her father by Soubeyran, played by Yves Montand (120 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **MAURICE (15):** Set before the First World War, E M Forster's novel about Oxbridge gaiety, with James Wilby as the suffering Maurice and Rupert Graves as the gamekeeper with whom he falls in love (140 min).
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 5.50, 9.00.
☎ Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.35, 8.45.

NO WAY OUT (15): Polished version of a *film noir* classic, *The Big Clock*, with a new Pentagon setting and a few extra twists. Gene Hackman plays the Defence Secretary with a crime to cover up; Kevin Costner is the luckless investigator. Roger Donaldson directs (114 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-931 6111). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 5.45, 8.25.

SAMMY AND ROSIE GET LAID (18): Another trip through our harsh urban jungle, previously explored by director Stephen Frears and writer Hanif Kureishi in *My Beautiful Laundrette*. With Ayub Khan Din, Frances Barber, Claire Bloom and Shashi Kapoor (101 min).
☎ Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 2.15, 4.25, 6.40, 8.55.
Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220). Progs 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.05.
☎ Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 6.55, 9.00.

■ **WISH YOU WERE HERE (15):** David Leland's poignant comedy about a teenage girl's sexual adventures in a dreb seaside town. Marvellous playing by Emily Lloyd (92 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 6.20, 9.00.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.40.
☎ Odeon Haymarket (01-930 2738). Progs 11.40, 1.55, 4.15, 6.35, 9.05.

■ **THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK (18):** Jack Nicholson's satanic stranger dominates this bumpy adaptation of John Updike's clever novel about the battle of the sexes. With Susan Sarandon, Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer. George Miller directs (118 min).
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.00.
☎ Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 12.50, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.

Swaying to the samba

When dance club disc jockeys rediscovered Latin music in the early 1980s, among the main beneficiaries was the husband and wife team of Flora Purim, vocalist, and Airto Moreira, percussion player. Born in Brazil, the couple moved to the United States in the late 1960s and began to collaborate with fusion-inclined jazz musicians such as Chick Corea. They were, for a while, members of Corea's vapid but commercially successful band, Return To Forever. Moreira went on to establish a flourishing career as a solo performer, session player and producer. Purim meanwhile demonstrated her extended vocal range on albums such as *Open Your Eyes, You Can Fly*. Moreira's rousing pop-samba excursions, including *Celebration Suite* and *Toquede Cuica*, eventually found their way onto the Streetsounds label's highly popular Latin compilations, and the couple found themselves lionized by a new generation of listeners. They begin a two-week residency tonight, opposite the award-winning saxophone quartet Itchy Fingers. Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8, members £2. *Clive Davis*





The caricature of Ian McKellen (*above*) is by fellow actor, Clive Francis, and is included in an exhibition at the National Theatre (see listing). Francis began drawing only four years ago, sketching his colleagues on scraps of paper during breaks in rehearsal. He is now well established and his caricatures of tennis champions are on permanent display at the Wimbledon tennis museum. As well as exhibiting at the National, he is also acting – in Alan Ayckbourn's *A Small Family Business*.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **ROGE RECITAL:** The French pianist Pascal Roge plays Mozart's Variations K 265/300e on *Ah! vous dirai-je, Maman*, Beethoven's Sonata Op 90 and groups of pieces by Satie and Poulenc.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1-2pm, £2.50.

☆ **HARRIS/NAKAJIMA:** The cellist Nia Harris, with Sanar Nakajima at the piano, performs *Pièces en Concert* by Couperin, César Franck's Sonata and Chopin's Polonaise Op 3.
American Church in London, 79 Tottenham Court Road, London WC1 (01-580 2791), 1.05-1.50pm, free.

☆ **JOHN WOOD:** Haydn's Piano Sonata No 44, Ravel's *Ondine*, two Chopin impromptus, Debussy's *L'Isle Joyeuse* and Messiaen's *Baiser de l'Enfant Jésus* are all interpreted by John Wood.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

☆ **CHAMBER COMPANY CHOICE:** The Chamber Music Company presents Beethoven's Trio Op 70 No 2 and Patricia Rozario sings some of Beethoven's settings of folk songs with piano trio accompaniment plus some of Haydn's English Canzonettas.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **MORK MUSIC:** Another account of the cello version of Franck's Sonata is given by Truls Otterbech Mork, along with Debussy's Sonata. Schumann's *Adagio and Allegro* Op 70 and Stravinsky's Suite Italienne. Hakon Austbo is the pianist.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **MOZART ACADEMY:** Robert Hamwee conducts the Academy of the London Mozarteum in Mozart's Symphony No 36 "Linz", and the Piano Concertos K 468 and 537, the soloist being Pietro Rigacci.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30, £3.50-£8.

☆ **AMOROSO:** This is the name of a group offering various pieces by Ozdil, songs by Spohr and Brahms, and a trio by Gordon Jacob.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 8pm, £3, £4.50.

GALLERIES

CLOSE-UP: See caption.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2033), Mon-Sat 10am-11pm, free, until March 26.

MARION TRIM: Paintings and prints, mainly of plants, by an East Anglian artist.
Contact Gallery, 56 St Benedicts Street, Norwich (0603-760219), Mon-Sat 11-6pm, free, until February 26.

EDOUARD MANET (1832-1883): A selection of prints, some of them preparatory to his most controversial paintings.
The Library, University of Warwick, Coventry (0203-523523), Mon-Fri 12-8pm, Sat 10-8pm, free, until February 5.

BRYAN WYNTER (1915-1975): An exhibition tracing the career of a Cornish landscape painter and, later, Op artist.
University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester (0206-873333), Mon-Fri 11-5pm (closed Tues), Sat 2-4.30pm, free, until February 19.

LANCE SMITH: Large, freely executed figurative paintings done since 1984.
Turnpike Gallery, Civic Square, Leigh (0942-679407), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-3pm, free, until February 12.

FRED WILLIAMS (1972-1982): Landscapes in oil and gouache of the Pilbara region of Western Australia.
Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (01-402 6075), Daily 10-4.45pm, free, until February 24.

EDUARDO PAOLOZZI: 20 early, mechanistic bronze sculptures from the 1940s and 50s.
Castle Museum, Nottingham (0602-411881), Daily 10-5.45pm, free, until February 28.

THE EXPERIENCE OF LANDSCAPE: Highlights of British landscape painting this century from the Arts Council Collection.
Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery, Queen Street, Exeter (0392-265858), Tues-Sat 10-5.30pm, free, until February 6.

INTRODUCING WITH PLEASURE: Television journalist Kate Adie chose a landscape painting by Christopher Le Brun in this selection made by 12 celebrities from the Arts Council Collection.
Maclaurin Art Gallery, Monument Road, Alloway, Ayr (0292-43706), Mon-Sat 11-5pm, free, until February 13.

TERRY FROST: Recent colourful abstract paintings and prints by an old master of the St Ives School.
Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr (0292-43706), Mon-Sat 11-5pm, free, until February 6.

OPERA

☆ **CENDRILLON:** Massenet's *Cinderella* is given an airing by the Royal College of Music with James Lockhart conducting a student cast.
Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 (01-589 3643), 7-8.45pm, tickets free: returns only.

☆ **LET'S MAKE AN OPERA:** Highly successful production of Britten's work by Jeremy James Taylor's National Youth Music Theatre.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-9.30pm, £3-£9.

ROCK

☆ **THE ALARM:** Welsh post-punk veterans of the Miles Copeland stable who are developing into a cartoon version of U2.
Royal Court, 1 Roe Street, Liverpool (051-709 4321) 7.30pm, £5-£6.

☆ **GERRY & THE PACEMAKERS/THE SEARCHERS/PETER SARSTEDT:** Sixties nostalgia package grinds into action for a lengthy British tour. Coming to a town hall near you.
Assembly Rooms, Market Place, Derby (0332 369311) 7.30pm, £5-£6.

☆ **FAIRPORT CONVENTION:** Folk-rock stalwarts, including Dave Pegg, Dave Mattacks and Simon Nicol approaching the twilight of a distinguished career with assured performances marred by awkward onstage banter.
Half Moon Putney, 93 Lower Richmond Road, London SW15 (01-788 2387) 8.30pm, £6.

☆ **THE OYSTER BAND:** Folk-rock newcomers with accessible roots material and a modern cutting edge.
Venue, 15 Calton Road, Edinburgh (031 557 3073) 8.30pm, £3.

JAZZ

☆ **DON RENDELL:** Leading his quartet, the ex-John Dankworth sideman and elder statesman tackles mainstream material.
Belle Head, Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241), 8.30pm, £3.

☆ **PHIL MINTON:** The trumpeter and vocalist is best-known for his work with Mike Westbrook and Trevor Watts.
The Cooler, 28 Newarke Street, Leicester (info: 0533 21896) 8.30pm, £2.50.

☆ **LOL COXHILL:** The free-inclined saxophonist plays for diners.
Jazz Cafe, 56 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 4936), 8.30pm, £1.

DANCE

☆ **MANON:** Kenneth MacMillan's creation for the Royal Ballet to a pot pourri score of Massenet music.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden London WC2. (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.15pm £1-£30.

☆ **JUST UP THEIR STREET:** New work for Union Dance, opening a season of small dance companies.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1, (01-387 0031), 8-10pm £6.

WALKS

THE INNS OF COURT & LAW COURTS: meet Temple tube, 11am, £3.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending January 24:

BBC 1		BBC 2	
1	EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 24.95m	1	Cheers 7.50m
2	EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 24.90m	2	Moonlighting 7.05m
3	Neighbours (Fri 13:30/17:35) 14.65m	3	Screen Two 7.00m
4	Neighbours (Tues 13:31/17:35) 14.20m	4	Yes Prime Minister 6.50m
5	Neighbours (Thurs 13:31/17:37) 13.70m	5	Forty Minutes 5.50m
6	Neighbours (Mon 13:30/17:36) 13.65m	6	Johnny Belinda 5.25m
7	Neighbours (Wed 13:31/17:37) 13.50m	7	Food and Drink (Tues/Fri) 4.80m
8	Hi-De-Hi 13.35m	8	M.A.S.H. 4.80m
9	All Creatures Great and Small 13.20m	9	Run Silent Run Deep 4.50m
10	Bergerac 13.00m	10	Battlestar Galactica 3.95m
ITV		Channel 4	
1	Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 17.25m	1	Brookside (Mon/Sat) 8.75m
2	Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 16.95m	2	Brookside (Tues/Sat) 8.15m
3	Wish You Were Here (Mon/Wed) Thames 14.85m	3	The Cosby Show 4.45m
4	This Is Your Life Thames 13.00m	4	Golden Girls 3.80m
5	TV Times Top Ten Awards Thames 12.40m	5	Fifteen-to-One (Tues) 3.25m
6	Stanley Baxter Thames 12.25m	6	Fifteen-to-One (Thurs) 3.15m
7	Strike It Lucky Thames 12.20m	6	Fifteen-to-One (Fri) 3.15m
8	Catchphrase TVS 11.60m	6	Picture of Dorian Gray 3.15m
8	Wish Me Luck LWT 11.50	9	Fifteen-to-One (Mon) 3.00m
10	Emmerdale Farm (Wed) Yorkshire 11.40m	10	Fifteen-to-One (Wed) 2.80m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time:* Mon to Fri 1.3m (7.2m)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.8m (12.7m)
Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

TALKS

A PLACE FOR LOGICAL THEORY IN PSYCHOANALYSIS?: Freud Memorial Lecture in Psychoanalysis by Eric Rayner, British Psycho-Analytical Society, University College London, Darwin Theatre, Gower Street, London WC1 (01-387 7050), 5.30pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

BRITISH TOYMAKER'S GUILD FAIR: Last day of the fair at which members of the guild display and sell a wide range of hand-crafted toys – from rocking horses to rabbits. Though essentially children's playthings, many of the items are also collected by adult enthusiasts.
Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 (01-937 5464). 10.30am-5.30pm. Adult £1.50, child 75p.

FOOD, FLORISTRY, ART AND DESIGN: Exhibition of work by students from Southwark College, which provides a number of courses for people wishing to learn a new career or to retrain.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2. Further information (01-638 0569). Until February 19: Mondays, and Wednesday-Friday, 9.30am-5.30pm. Tuesday 9.30am-7.30pm, Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm. Free.

NATIONAL GALLERY MONDAY FILMS: Today, *Turner and John Sell Cotman*.
Lower Floor Theatre, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London W1 (01-839 3321). 1pm. Free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

RSC AT THE BARBICAN: Booking for associate members from today for new productions of *The Jew of Malta* and *Cymbeline* from Stratford. Also for performances in March and April of *Twelfth Night*, and premiere production of *Fashion* by Doug Lucie. General booking from Feb 13.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141/628 8795).

NITE CLUB CONFIDENTIAL: New musical comedy with Ruth Madoc as Kay Goodman, a fading night club singer, determined to remain a star.
Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (01-839 4409). General booking from today. Previews from Feb 27. Opens March 9.

OPERA NORTH IN HULL: Priority booking opens today for summer season, with new productions of *Tosca* and *Fidelio*; also *Carmen*. General booking from Feb 22. May 17-21.
New Theatre, Kingston Square, Hull (0482 226655).

MALVERN FESTIVAL: Priority booking opens today for festival on The Great War, celebrating music and poetry and music of war years. Programme includes music by Butterworth, Bridge, Vaughan-Williams and Elgar; performances by Hallé and Royal Philharmonic orchestras, with soloists including Alan Schiller and Fiona Kimm; world premiere of *Tommy Boy* by Ted Willis, plus literary luncheon; and Alan Ayckbourne's *Intimate Exchanges*.
Festival Theatre, Grange Road, Malvern, Worcestershire. May 22-June 5 Personal booking from March 7 (0684 892277).

LAST CHANCE

NEW PHOTOGRAPHY: Cross section of current trends in photography, including photomontages by Nick Georghiou and classic black and white prints by Avid Images.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2. (01-638 4141) Ends today.

JULIE UMERLE: Ten years of painting, 1978-88, concentrating on colour relationships, exploring space, light and balance. Ends today.
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BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for premium bond prizes are: £100,000, bond number 17PF 143889 (the winner lives in Kent); £50,000, 14CB 823231 (Devon); £25,000, 22PF 415356 (Dyfed).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Penny Osborn; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

MACROLOGY
(b) The use of redundant words and phrases, alias verbal cottonwool, from the Greek *makros* long, and *logos* speech.

CATACHRESIS
(b) The improper use of words, application of a term to a thing that it does not properly denote, abuse of a trope or metaphor, from the Greek *katachresthai* to misuse.

HEREDIPETY
(b) Legacy hunting: trying to cadge an inheritance, from the Latin *hereditas* inheritance, and *petere* to go for.

WUZZY
(a) Rockspeak for a young female person, from the Sixties, from the French *oiseau*.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 No perf tonight. Tomor 7.45 **THE AMAZING MACHAPPA UKRAINIAN COSSACKS.**

EXHIBITIONS

EMPERORS TERRACOTTA WARRIORS. Royal Horticultural Societies Old Hall, Vincent Square, SW1. £4.50. Adults £3 child. 09.30 - 21.00 except Tuesday 09.30 - 18.00. W/E 10.00 - 21.00. December 14th - Feb 20th. Tel: 01-828 2768.

OPERA & BALLET

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.35** Edgar Kennedy in Mad About Moonshine (b/w). **6.55** Weather **7.00** Breakfast Time includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. **8.30** Laverne and Shirley. American comedy series starring Cindy Williams and Penny Marshall **8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on the weekend's television output. To participate ring 061-814 0424 **9.20** Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion between vegetarians and meat eaters. **10.00** News and weather followed by The Flintstones (r). **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by Play School (r) and The Wombles (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven. A reading by Catherine Griller **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air presented by Pattie Coldwell and Eamonn Holmes. **12.00** News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Magazine programme **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30** Neighbours. Clive thinks about taking up his medical career once again **1.50** Going for Gold. **2.15** Ironside. American police series starring Raymond Burr and, this afternoon, Vera Miles (r). **3.00** Hudson and Halls. Peter and David serve up another selection of succulent goodies. Their guest is Vince Hill **3.25** Watchdog. Consumer affairs series (shown again at 7.40). **3.50** Bananaman (r). **4.00** The Antics Roadshow from the Festival Park, Liverpool **4.15** Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (r). **4.20** Jackanory. Jonathon Morris with part one of *Saddlebottom*, by Dick King-Smith **4.30** Droids. (Ceefax) **4.55** Newsround with Helen Rollason and Roger Finn **5.05** Blue Peter **5.35** Neighbours (r). **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** Wogan. On tonight's guest list are *Poldark* star Robin Ellis and the book's author Winston Graham; *Hi-de-Hi!* stalwarts Ruth Madoc and Paul Shane; and three nurses. Music is provided by Billy Ocean. **7.40** Watchdog. This week's edition of the consumer affairs series presented by John Stapleton and Lynn Faulds Wood includes an examination of the implications of the new Social Fund and an investigation into why the rooms in a woman's house are 18 inches shorter than the builder's specifications. **8.05** Perfect Strangers. American comedy series. **8.30** Whatever Next. . . Game show **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather. **9.30** Panorama: NHS — A Terminal Case? How sick is the National Health Service? Reporter David Lomax looks at two contrasting health districts — City and Hackney in London and Gloucestershire — and talks to patients, doctors, managers and health economists about what changes they think are needed. **10.10** Talking Pictures. In this second programme of his series of ten on the story of Hollywood Barry Norman explores the world of 1930s movies. (Ceefax) **11.00** The Rockford Files. Jim is asked to find out who is behind the vendetta against a born-again Christian (r). **11.50** Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax. **9.15** Daytime on Two: a day in the life of three young people working in butcher's and baker's shops **9.38** The personal qualities and lifestyle of three young community workers **10.00** For four- and five-year-olds **10.15** Musical patterns **10.40** Thinkabout **11.00** *Hungry Times*, part one of a play set in Norman and Saxon times **11.20** Walrus **11.45** Tutorial topics: Rumours and pets **12.08** China since Chairman Mao **12.30** A major issue of the week **1.00** The science of fuels **1.20** A programme for the young **1.38** Part two of a history of a kitchen **2.00** News and weather followed by Words and Pictures for the young. **2.15** Songs of Praise from St Christopher's Hospice, south London (r). (Ceefax). **2.50** Save a Life. This week's edition of the emergency first aid series shows simple life-saving skill of mouth-to-mouth breathing. Presented by Dr Alan Maryon Davies (r). **3.00** News and weather followed by Under Sail: The Great Mail Race. The annual race between the Baltic ports of Grissiehamn and Storby, recalling the days when mail was transported in small open boats (r). **3.25** Cricket: The Bicentennial Test. Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the fourth day's play in the game at Sydney between Australia and England. **3.50** News, regional news and weather. **4.00** Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald talks to people who refused to be put off when trying to claim their rights. **4.30** Noticeboard. Rob Curling previews radio and television programmes; marion Foster has news of Daytime Club. **4.40** Poldark. Episode 12 of the 16-part romantic serial (r). **5.30** Tomorrow's World (r). **6.00** Film: A Woman Rebels (1936, b/w) starring Katharine Hepburn, Herbert Marshall and Elizabeth Allan. Pamela and Flora have been brought up in Victorian England by their tyrannical father who believes women are inferior species. Flora accepts the status quo but Pamela thinks that women have a role to play. Directed by Mark Sandrich.



Katharine Hepburn: BBC2, 6.00pm

7.25 Popeye Classics (b/w). **7.40** Barry Douglas. The award-winning pianist plays Liszt's Dante Sonata and Wagner-Liszt's Isolde's Liebestod. **8.10** Horizon: Death of the Working Class. (Ceefax) (see Choice) **9.00** Clarence. Comedy series starring Ronnie Barker as a myopic 1930s furniture removal man and Josephine Tewson as the woman he is living with before deciding to marry. **9.30** Moonlighting. Episode one of a two-part adventure in which Maddie is pregnant and David is working on a chain gang. **10.15** Split Screen. The future of 20th century music is viewed in two contrasting films. William Scanlon Murphy argues that "new" music is incomprehensible to the classicists; Simon Emmerson believes that electronic music is exciting and challenging. **10.45** Newsnight **11.30** Weather. **11.35** Cricket: The Bicentennial Test. Highlights of the fourth day's play in the match between Australia and England. Ends at **12.05am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with cartoons and a comedy series and includes, at **7.00** and **8.00**, Good Morning Britain presented by Richard Keys. **9.25** Thames news. **9.30** Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game presented by Michael Parkinson. This morning Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by Barry Cryer, Sarah Greene, Spike Milligan, Siân Phillips, Mike Smith and Sylvia Sims. **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines. **10.30** The Time. . .The Place. . . Khalid Aziz chairs a discussion on a topical subject **11.10** Let's Pretend to the tale of *The Magic Lamp* **11.25** Thames news headlines. **11.30** Are Mothers Really Necessary? John Bowlby profiles the Caldecott Community in Kent which cares for 75 emotionally vulnerable children who have been damaged in early life **12.00** The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s. **12.30** News **12.50** Thames news **1.00** Chain Letters. Word association game presented by Jeremy Beadle. **1.30** Film: The Glory Guys (1965) starring Tom Tryon. US Cavalry versus Red Indians adventure. Directed by Arnold Laven. **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** The Young Doctors. Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital **4.00** Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children (r). **4.10** Towser (r). **4.20** The Real Ghostbusters **4.45** Seal Morning. Episode four of the serial set in a remote part of Britain during the 1930s, starring Holly Aird (r). **5.15** Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness. **5.45** News **6.00** Thames news. **6.25** Help with advice about the Youth Training Scheme. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00** Wish You Were Here. . ? Sara Hollamby and Jeremy Gittins with the first of two reports on a rail tour of Scandinavia; Judith Chalmers tries a fly-drive holiday to Ireland; and John Carter samples a self-catering holiday in Majorca. (Oracle) **7.30** Coronation Street. Brian and Gail review their relationship while Mavis Riley finds herself in the middle of a showdown. (Oracle) **8.00** After Henry. Comedy series starring Prunella Scales as a widow with a busybody mother and a problem daughter. With Joan Sanderson and Janine Wood. **8.30** World in Action exposes the activities of a spy who for more than a quarter of a century has infiltrated the Trade Union movement and leading pressure groups in Britain. **9.00** Hard Cases. Drama series about the work of the probation service. **10.00** News at Ten **10.30** Thames news. **10.35** Film: The Cartier Affair (1984) starring Joan Collins, David Hasselhoff and Telly Savalas. A soap serial queen fails for the conman who is out to divest her of her jewellery collection. Directed by Rod Holcomb. **12.15am** I Spy. Vintage American espionage series starring Bill Cosby and Robert Culp. **1.15** Sportsworld Extra. A middleweight bout between Michael Nunn and Kevin Watts at the Reseda Country Club, California. **2.30** News headlines folowed by Taxi. American comedy series **3.00** Film: Come and Get It (1936, b/w) starring Edward Arnold. A lumberjack marries the boss's daughter after renouncing his long-time love — and regrets the decision. Directed by Howard Hawks and William Wyler. **5.00** ITN World News **5.30** CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools: the development of the British countryside **9.47** A blind boy going to school in Denmark **10.04** Animals that find their food in and around the playground **10.21** Simple mathematical concepts **10.33** Episode four of the film version of John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* **11.00** Discovering and logging a community's past **11.17** Modern fibre glass boats **11.29** Tony Ross's story, *Oscar Buys the Biscuits* **11.41** Junior maths: symmetrical patterns. **12.00** Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons. **12.30** Just 4 Fun. Three programmes for young children. **1.00** Open Exchange. Magazine series for Open College learners. **2.00** The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show. **3.00** Mr Pye. The fourth and final episode of the dramatization of Mervyn Peake's novel, set on the Channel island of Sark, about a retired bank manager who sees his mission to bring peace and love to mankind. Today Mr Pye, close to despair, plans to humiliate himself in front of the islanders at the annual cattle show. It almost works too well as the islanders try to lynch him but he is rescued by Tanty who hides him where no-one will think of looking — the small gaol. Starring Derek Jacobi, Judy Parfitt and Robin McCaffrey (r). **4.00** Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson begins a new series on people with particular and consuming interests with Phyllis Pearsall who founded the Geographers A-Z Map Company more than 50 years ago, beginning her career by walking through every London borough to plot the streets. **4.30** Fifteen-to-One. Quick-fire general knowledge game. **5.00** Super Bowl Highlights. The best of the action from last night's game in San Diego between the Washington Redskins and the Denver Broncos. **6.00** Information Technology. Alan Dobie continues his series explaining the mysteries of information technology with a look at fibre optics. **6.30** Tales Out of School. Programme four of the five-part series on Britain's education system investigates the role parents can play in schools today. Among those contributing this evening are Lulu, Jimmy Savile, Judi Dench, Eddy Shah, Victoria Wood, Julie Walters and Aled Jones. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.50** Comment followed by Weather. **8.00** Brookside. Growler plots his revenge with friends; and Sheila Grant becomes involved in a case of mistaken identity. **8.30** Rude Health. Comedy series set in a small town health centre. Tonight the doctors have a problem in the shape of a local artist who decides on a drastic course of action to deal with his impotence. Starring John Wells, John Bett and Paul Marl. **9.00** Merely Mortal. The penultimate programme of the five-part series examining death in a constructive and sensitive manner. In this programme a young student is spurred by the sight of a tragic accident to find out about the body and the soul. He examines various religious beliefs and talks to a philosopher, historian, archaeologist, spiritualist and doctors to see if they have found any evidence that there is a soul. **9.45** Masterworks. Edwin Mullins talks about *Coastal Landscape*, by Victor Pasmore, which hangs in the Tate Gallery. **10.00** Hill Street Blues. Furillo lobbies for a rookie policeman accused of putting a weapon in a dead suspect's hand; and Hill and Renko help out when health workers go on strike. (Oracle) **10.55** Eleventh Hour Arab Cinema: Alyam Alyam (1978). A dramatized documentary about a young Moroccan who decides to leave home to find work in France. But his departure will leave nobody to help his mother working on the back-breaking land. Directed by Ahmed el Maanouni. (in Moroccan with English subtitles) Ends at **12.35am.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **11.50** Rugby Special (Harlequins v London Scottish, Cardiff v Llanelli) SCOTLAND: **10.50am-11.00** Good Soo! **6.35-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.10** Sunset Song **10.55** Talking Pictures **11.45** Pebblemashed **12.05-12.05am** Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Neighbours **11.50-11.55** News and weather ENGLAND: **6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Operation Amsterdam **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **11.05-1.15am** Film: Topaz **5.00** Farming Diary **5.30** Survival **6.00** Closedown.

BORDER As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **1.30** Film: Tiger Bay **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.50-6.35** Lookaround **10.35** Bean, Burns and a Bicycle **11.05** Murder, She Wrote **12.00** America's Top Ten **12.25am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Gardening Time **12.50-1.00** News **1.30** Film: Up In Arms' **2.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** News **6.25-6.35** Find a Family **10.35** Prisoner Cell Block H **11.30** Film: Best Little Whorehouse in Texas **1.35am** Superstars of Wrestling **2.25** Sally Jessy Raphael **2.25** News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Arcade **12.50** News **1.00** Gardening Time **1.30** Film: Forces' Sweetheart **3.00-3.30** Chain Letters **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **10.35** Film: Family Plot' **12.35am** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Gardening Time **12.50-1.00** News **1.30** Film: The Mountain' **5.15-5.45** Home Cookery Club **5.25-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** North Tonight **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35** Sledgehammer **11.35** Film: The Howling **12.45am** Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** Granada Reports **1.30** Film: The Whisperers **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **10.35** Film Dr Phibes Rises Again **12.05am** Darts **1.00** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **1.30** Film: For the Love of Ada **3.00-3.30** In Loving Memory **6.00-7.00** News **10.35** Extra Time **11.20** Film Scream of the Wolf **12.40am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**6.00pm-7.00** Wales At Six **10.35** Survival of the Fittest **11.05** Blaenau Rock **12.05-12.35am** Twilight Zone.

SCOTTISH As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Gardening Time **12.50-1.00** News **1.30** Film' Probe **3.25** Short Story Theatre **3.55-4.00** Pet Subject **5.15** Tales of Crime **5.20-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30** Crimedesk **6.30-7.00** Meltdown **10.35** Scottish Women **11.05** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.05am** Late Call **12.10** Twilight Zone **12.40** Closedown.

TSW As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Country Practice **12.50-1.00** News **1.30** Film: Grace Kelly Story **3.10-3.30** New Squadronaires **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Easy Street **10.35** Bats in the Belfry **11.05** America's Top Ten **11.35** Postscript Diary **11.40** Film: Charlie Boy **12.41am** Closedown.

TVS As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Arcade **12.50** News **1.00** Gardening Time **1.30** Film: Forces' Sweetheart' **3.00-3.30** Chain Letters **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **10.35** Film: Family Plot **12.45am** America's Top Ten **1.15** TVS Sport Special **1.45** I Spy **2.45** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Enemy Below **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **10.35** Kitty and the Bagman **12.25am** A Continuing Drama **12.35-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** Newstime **1.30** Film: Seven Thunders **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.35** Six Tonight **10.35** No Poor Pansn: Cushendall **11.05** Carson's Law **12.00** Make It Pay **12.25am** Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Wish You Were Here ...? **12.50-1.00** News **1.30** Film: Spanish Gardener **3.15** Home Cookery **3.30-4.00** Country Practice **6.00-6.35** Calendar **10.35** Calendar Commentary **11.05** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.00** Twilight Zone **12.30am** Jobfinder **1.30** Closedown.

S4C Starts:**9.30am** Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Fifteen-to-One **1.00** Open College **2.00** Late Late Show **3.00** Marco Polo **4.00** Lluniau Dydd Llun **4.10** Caerwenafft **4.30** Ysgolonaeth **5.00** Superbowl Highlights **6.00** Mavis on 4 **6.30** Tales out of School **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Arsheg II **8.00** Profi'r Pethe **8.30** Y Byd ar Bedwar **9.05** Aber **9.35** The Horse in Sport **10.35** South Riding **11.35** Ads Now **12.35am** Closedown.



Divided over death: Patrick Jenkin (left) and Sir Douglas Black. Their views are stated in Horizon, BBC2, 8.10pm

Fatal ideas about the social split

TELEVISION CHOICE

● When the normally unemotive Horizon (BBC2, 8.10pm) uses words like "shocking" and "scandal" and claims that a lung cancer victim "died of social class", our attention is immediately grabbed. We go on to be told that not only does class kill, but geography does as well. Perhaps a programme stuffed with statistics, however clearly displayed, needs a bit of verbal hype. Hilary Henson's film explores the considerable evidence which suggests that the risk of dying is closely related to social class, with the unskilled labourer much more likely to reach a premature end than someone from the professional or managerial classes. Should the labourer happen to live in a deprived area, such as the north of England, his chances of an early demise are even greater. *Horizon* calls on a impressive list of professors to air their theories. The most credible is the simplest, which is that disease and death are linked to social deprivation. Sir Douglas Black, the eminent physician, said as much in his report to the Government back in 1980. His remedy was a huge increase on government spending to eliminate child poverty. Patrick Jenkin, then Social Services Secretary, called the proposal extravagant and the report was shelved. Interviewed for the programme, Sir Douglas is unrepentant. But what of lung cancer, another killer disease more likely to afflict the working classes? Surely the main cause of lung cancer is smoking? Yes, but working-class people smoke more and smoking is often a way of coping with the stresses of poverty. But it is still puzzling why a Civil Service messenger who may be modestly paid but is hardly on his uppers, should be three times as likely to die early as an administrator.

Peter Waymark

Howard gap filled

RADIO CHOICE

● Radio 4's decision to repeat John Tydeman's 1971 Third Programme production of The Father (Radio 4, 8.15pm) fills one of the gaps left by too many biographers of the late Trevor Howard. They tell us plenty about his film work, and what he did on television and the stage. But, for all they have to say about what he did in Broadcasting House, he might never have faced a microphone in his whole life. The truth of the matter is that he was a master of the medium. When Howard was in a recording studio, he could summon up a range of vocal colours that one never suspected he possessed. Certainly, as the disintegrating husband in Strindberg's woman-hating play, he does such extraordinary things with his voice that, at odd moments, you would swear that somehow or other the late, great, Wilfrid Lawson had got into the studio and taken over his role. Tonight's production of *The Father* is notable not only because it preserves on tape a performance (by Howard) that must have been shattering to watch on stage, but also because it casts Peggy Ashcroft as the wife who destroys her husband with the poison of suspicion. To hear Dame Peggy deliver such lines as "I have never looked at any man without being aware of my superiority" (the translation is Max Faber's, and very good it is too) makes it difficult to understand why, after Strindberg, the idea of women's lib as a popular concept took so long to take root in the theatre.



Trevor Howard: The Father, on Radio 4, at 8.15pm

Peter Davalle

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Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see below) **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright (with news of My Favourite Comedy Sketch fund-raising campaign) **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Simon Mayo **10.00-12.00** John Peel. **FM** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1) Sports Round-Up **8.50am** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young (incl at **12.30** FA Cup Fifth-round Draw) **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days (and at **7.30** Big Band Era) **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttleton with jazz on record **10.00** Jazz Score (Benny Green — 100th edition) **10.30** Strike a British Note (songs and music from British films) **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Steve Madden **2.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times are given in GMT **6.00** am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Not In Our Stars **8.00** News **8.08** Reflections **8.15** Five William Stories **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** Good Books **9.30** Financial News **9.45** Peebles' Choice **10.00** News **10.01** Australia 200 Years On **10.30** Vintage Chart Show **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Health Matters **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Just a Minute **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** Outlook **2.45** I've Been Together Now For 70 Years **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Australia 200 Years On **3.45** Mozart Miscellany **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Tapestry Restorer's Tale **4.30** Chain reaction **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Book Choice **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** News **6.09** 24 Hours **6.30** Sports International **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Tapestry Restorer's Tale **9.30** Vintage Chart Show **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** A Hobby — Or a Way of Life? **11.30** Multitrack 1 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Mysterious Art of the Conjuror **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Story **1.45** Tapestry Restorer s Tale **2.00** news **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Sports International **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** John Peel **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.36** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

12.05 am: Test Match Special. Australia v England, in Sydney. Day four. Coverage continues until **6.55am** **6.55** Weather forecast **7.00** Morning Concert: Elgar (Cockaigne overture: Philharmonia), Henry Bishop (Foresters Sound the Cheerful Horn: Hilliard Ensemble), Leopold Mozart (Concerto in E flat: Academy of St Martin-in-the Fields, with Baumann and Vlatkovic, horns) **7.30** News **7.35** Concert (continued): Rimsky-Korsakov (May Night overture: SNO), Mozart (Serenata notturna, K 239: Serenata of London), Weber (Quintet, Op 34: Lindsay String Quartet with Janet Hilton, clarinet) **8.30** News **8.35** Composers of the Week: Bach. Recordings including cantata No 18 (Vienna Concentus Musicus, Chorus Viennensis, Vienna Boys' Choir, and soloists Equiluz and Max vana Egmond); the cantata No 208 (Parley of Instruments, and soloists Smith, Kirkby, Davies and George); English Suite No 6 in D minor (Leonhardt, harpsichord), and the chorale prelude In dir ist Freude, BWV 615 **9.35** From the Opera: Strauss's Le Bourgeois Gentihomme suite (National Arts Centre Orchestra), Strauss's Die Frau ohne Schatten symphonic fantasy: Detroit SO) **10.35** Vivaldi: Purcell Quartet play the Trio Sonatas in F, RV 70 and in B flat, RV 77; and Sonata No 6 in A, RV 758 **11.15** BBC Philharmonic, under Bryden Thomson, with Raphael Wallfisch (cello). Arnold Cooke (Concerto for orchestra), Elgar (Cello Concerto), Beethoven (Symphony No 7) **1.00** News **1.05** Piano recital: Pascal Rogé plays Mozart's Variations on Ah, vous dirai-je, Maman; Beethoven's Sonata in E minor, Op 90; Satie's Trois Gnossiennes; Je te veux: and Poulenc's Novelettes; Improvisations **2.00** Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Includes Nicola LeFanu on women composers; Bryce Morrison on Schnabel's Beethoven; and a review of a new book on Mozart's manuscripts (r) **2.45** Three Spires Festival: City of London Sinfonia (under Hickox), with Three Spires Festival Singers, Gillian Weir (organ) and soloists Alison Hargan, Della Jones, John Graham-Hall, and Stephen Varcoe. Handel's Te Deum in D, Dettingen; Poulenc's Organ Concerto in G minor; and Beethoven's Mass in C **4.40** Copland: London Sinfonietta under Elgar Howarth play Music for Movies **5.00** Mainly for Pleasure: Andrew Keener with recorded music **6.30** Organ music: John Scott in St David's Hall, Cardiff, plays Bach's Concerto in A minor, BWV 593; and Schumann's Four Sketches, Op 58 **7.00** News bulletin **7.05** Third Ear: Ken Currie, creator of the mural at the People's Palace in Glasgow, talks to Julian Spalding **7.30** Medea in Corinto: Giovanni Simone Mayr's two-act opera, sung in Italian. Newell Jenkins conducts Clanon Concerts Chorus and Orchestra. With soloists Joan Patenaude, Thomas Palmer, Allen Cathcart, Marisa Galvany (Medea), Molly Stark and Robert White. Act one. Act two begins at **9.00**, with readings at **8.55** **10.15** Epsilon Wind Quintet: Robert Saxton's Echoes of the Glass Bead Game; David Dorward's Air, Strathspey and Reel; and Judith Weir's Out of the Air **10.45** Days of Creation: Patric Dickinson verse anthology. Readers: Jill Balcon, Peter Howell, Denys Hawthorne **11.00** Composers of the Week: Prokofiev (excerpts from Act 2 of the ballet music for Cinderella; and the Scythian Suite (r) **12.00** News bulletin **12.05** Test Match Special: final day of the Australia v England match in Sydney. Until **6.55**



Della Jones at Three Spires Festival, Radio 3, 2.45pm

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on FM **5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4: programme trailers, presented by Charlotte Green **8.42** Falling Towards England: Clive James reads six chapters from his memoirs (4) Statistical Catastrophe (penultimate reading can be heard next Monday morning, same time)**8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News bulletin **9.05** Start the Week: Russell Harty with guests (s) **10.00** News; Money Box: presented by Louise Botting **10.30** Morning Story: Model Responses New York Style, by Oliver Bayldon. The reader is Shelley Thompson **10.45** Daily Service: from Kelvinside Hillhead Parish Church, Glasgow. The service is led by the Rev Valerie Watson (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Down Your Way: Radio 1 DJ John Peel visits Combs in Suffolk (r) **11.50** Poetry Please!: presented by Kevin Crossley-Holland. The readers are Geoffrey Beevers and Caroline John **12.00** News: You and Yours: presented by Susan Rae **12.25** The Lady in the Lake by Raymond Chandler, dramatized in three parts, with Ed Bishop as Philip Marlowe. Cast also includes Don Fellows and Harry Towb (2) (r) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World At One **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00** News: Woman's Hour: presented by Jenni Murray. Includes items on finding accommodation for the elderly; an interview with Evelyn Rothwell, the widow of Sir John Barbirolli; and Anne Robinson and Jeremy Pascall discussing the Reader's Digest book *How to Do Almost Anything*. Also, Sian Thomas reading episode eight of Clare Nonhebel's Cold Showers **3.00** News; Our Roman Cousins: Play by Bruce Stewart, starring Iain Cuthbertson as the exiled Prince Charles Edward Stuart in his final years. Jack May plays his Cardinal brother, Henry. Cast also includes David March, Emily Richard and Lockwood West (r) (s) **4.30** Kaleidoscope: The staging problems of Wagner's Parsifal and how they have been overcome at the Royal Opera House for the new production. Includes contributions from Michael Ratcliffe, Bernard Haitink, Bill Bryden, Willard White, and Robert Lloyd (r) **5.00** PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00** News, incl Financial Report **6.30** The Best of British: Willie Rushton takes a humorous look at the British and their attitudes (4) Etiquette (r) (s) **7.00** News bulletin **7.05** The Archers **7.20** The Food Programme: presented by Derek Cooper **8.15** The Father by August Strindberg: English version by Max Faber. Trevor Howard stars as the Captain, with Peggy Ashcroft as Laura. The cast also includes Elizabeth Proud (as Bertha), Grizelda Hervey, and Rolf Lefebre (see Choice) (r) **9.45** Kaleidoscope: presented by Paul Vaughan. The topics include the new film Robocop; new recordings of Mozart piano concertos; the Sheffield Crucible production of The Park (including interviews with Stephen Pimlott and Claire Venables); and Diana Farr's book Choosing **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: Nairn in Darkness and Light, by David Thomson (episode six of 10). Read by Denys Hawthorne **10.29** Weather forecast **10.30** The World Tonight: presented by David Seils **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News: Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

FM as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools **11.00** Music Makers **11.20** Let's Move **11.40** The Music Box **11.50** See for Yourself **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Playtime **2.20** Science Scope **2.40** Whirligig **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time. Books, Plays, Poems: 'City Sugar' (1) by Stephen Pokakoff

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1:**1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; LBC:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF 648kHz/463m.

Violence back in refugee camps

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

Violence resumed in the Israeli occupied territories, particularly the West Bank, at the weekend as Palestinians appeared to respond to a call by the underground United National Leadership of the Uprising to continue their demonstrations.

The area most seriously affected was Nablus and its complex of surrounding refugee camps, which includes Balata, the largest and most militant in the territories. Protests in the town on Friday lasted until after midnight and there were clashes between residents and police.

These demonstrations continued on Saturday and the police resorted to the use of live ammunition, wounding eight of the 200-strong crowd. Some of the young protesters, their faces hidden by their *keffiyeh* (head scarves), were armed with heavy catapults and ball bearings.

Although Balata was put under curfew, some youngsters yesterday defied the order to stay indoors and attacked a patrol with stones and bottles. Tear gas and rubber bullets were used to break up the demonstration. Incidents also occurred in the town and at other camps, and curfews were imposed.

There was another serious disturbance yesterday at Jelazoun camp, north of Ramallah, which ended when an Israeli officer opened fire on stone-throwers and hit a boy in the leg. The camp was later put under curfew.

In the Old City of Jerusalem a small demonstration, mostly involving women, started near

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the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Tear gas was used inside the church to break up this demonstration.

In contrast, there was relative quiet in the Gaza Strip yesterday. But on Saturday, two youths were wounded by live rounds in one incident at a roadblock of burning tyres, and Deir el Balah was put under curfew after clashes.

Israeli security forces blame the continuing violence on the new United Leadership group, and suspect that protests are being switched between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank to create uncertainty among troops and police.

Another reason suggested for the demonstrations is disappointment that nothing more concrete has emerged from either the visit of President Mubarak of Egypt to Washington last week or from the United States itself.

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday promised the Cabinet that he would give members the chance of a full discussion of US plans before any decision was taken about them.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, said he was pleased to see that the Americans now appeared ready to play a more active role in the search for a solution.

Pukka chukkas on Alpine snow ponies



The chic Alpine ski resort of St Moritz, home of the Cresta Run, and which boasts the biggest variety of winter sports events for its visitors, has added an even more exclusive sport to its attractions: polo on snow. Thanks to the inventive mind of a local farrier, polo ponies are fitted with studs, small iron plates, and a rubber in-sole preventing balling up of snow, as well as maintaining the polo ponies footing in the tight turns and sudden acceleration of the game. A special bright plastic ball is used rather than the normal wooden one and the game is surprisingly fast and furious. Over the past three days, teams from all over Europe, including one from the Guards Polo Club in Windsor, have been competing for a place in yesterday's Audi Polo World Cup final. St Moritz lies about 5,400ft above sea level. The game is played on the frozen lake at the resort. At the weekend, the ice was reported to be quite safe enough to take all the weight. Unlike many winter sports resorts, St Moritz has no shortage of snow and a generous layer lies on the half-metre thick ice. Four chukkas of seven and a half minutes each are played, and there was no shortage of support from the stands, built on the frozen lake. Polo has always enjoyed elite status and appeals to a wealthy and sophisticated audience, and there were more fur coats to be seen at the champagne bars than ski anoraks.
(Report and photograph: Stephen Markeson).

Conference sketch

Crocodile smiles at farewell party

"Let me ask you to rise with me and welcome David Owen." Mr John Cartwright, ever the greeter in a prosperous firm of undertakers, had been judged the man most fitted to make the speech of welcome.

In marched Dr Owen, waving his assured and manly wave. Taking to the rostrum — a set in front of the official set, strangely reminiscent of a Punch and Judy box plopped into the middle of the Royal Opera House — he held raised hands with John and Rosie, his crocodile smile snapping around in search of babies to eat.

"I think that says it all" he said, as the applause died down. He stood erect and immobile, his hands on the edge of the dais, black hair, white cuffs, dark suit, red eyes. Rosie, dressed in prim black and beaming away like Mary Poppins gone loopy, stared wide-eyed up at the Doctor from her seat. This is a man, she seemed to be thinking, for whom I would gladly be Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"Remember how they used to write about us — that we were a rump, a faction, a fan-club" continued Dr Owen to his rump, his faction, his fan-club. Mary Poppins's eyes seemed to mist over at the memory. If need be, she would be his Foreign Secretary and his Minister of Trade as well.

The Doctor praised the courage and conviction, the tremendous clarity and consistency, of those who still agreed with him. "We all sustained each other," he declared. "We who love this party — and there are many in this room who love this party," he went on, and Mary Poppins continued to beam upwards, now sure in the knowledge that she would, if called upon, take on the portfolios of Health, Employment and Northern Ireland, "We who *love* this party — we will not be forced into a loveless marriage."

This was a sombre Doctor, barely raising his voice, his once-dangling forelock now cut and trimmed and neatly swept back. Many of his old gestures had been abandoned: no more the "when I was Foreign Secretary", no more the uplift on the end of each paragraph to indicate a suitable period for applause, no more the purposeful gesticulations or the shrewd half-smiles.

This was the International Statesman, above all that. "There's no need to cut each others' throats as we go our separate ways," he stated, the director of the abattoir espousing the noble cause of lifelong vegeterianism.

Perhaps quoting from Peter Pan, he began to talk of the "Great Adventure" on which they had embarked. "You've got to know what you love and fight for what you love".

Oh, yes! Oh, yes! Her smile all a-quiver, Mary Poppins seemed about to burst into song. *Chim-chimenee, chim-chimenee, chim-chim-cheroo, Good luck will rub off when I shake hands with you.* Those joyous words kept flooding back.

For Mr Maclennan's speech the next day, Mary Poppins stood at one side, her side smile now absent. At the last SDP conference, Poor Bob's freshly-choreographed gesticulations lent him the appearance of a well-to-do Catherine Wheel, but now he, too, was sombre, his curious twitchings more appropriate to a confrontation with a lackadaisical flea than with a mass rally of over-heating Social Democrats.

In moments of great seriousness, he bears a strong physical resemblance to a ventriloquist's dummy, his eyebrows leaping up and down on his forehead, his hair so carefully coiffed that it might be sculpted in plasticene, the words he enunciates sounding as if thrown from a little man — or possibly woman — crouched in the dias beneath him. He pronounces the word "found" to rhyme with "rind" and the "u" in "illusion" is borrowed from the word "Tuesday".

"I commend it to you: your vote must be yes." Mr Maclennan sat down and, rightly guessing that his speech must now be over, the audience stood up. Waving like a man who had only recently learnt how, Poor Bob issued a mouthy smile. The beams on the faces of the pro- and anti-mergerites as they left the hall made it clear that for them all, bliss was it in that dusk to be alive.

Craig Brown

Helicopter escaper recaptured

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King's Road, were all but confirmed two days ago.

Detectives involved in Operation Corgi, as the recapture exercise was called, said privately that they were not entirely sure that they had the right man until they actually seized him. Earlier reports had indicated that he might have gone abroad immediately after the escape.

Neighbours said yesterday that they had been woken at about 3am to the sounds of an officer shouting "armed police" through a megaphone.

Several residents immediately telephoned the police.

In fact, the men seen clambering over rooftops and along the balconies of the three-storey block were from a 40-strong team made up of the Metropolitan Police PT17 firearms unit, Flying Squad and detectives from Leicestershire.

"I looked out of my window, which is across the courtyard from No 15 and saw a policeman with a large shield. They were dressed as if in uniform and I thought they might be SAS", Mr David Weston, a public relations manager, said.

"I heard a banging noise followed by shouting. Along the corridor outside there were seven or eight men with searchlights, guns and a dog.

SDP's decisive merger vote fails to quell the Owenites

By Robin Oakley and Martin Fletcher

The battle of Sheffield was more about today's reviews than yesterday's votes.

The propaganda battle will now reach a new intensity as Owenites and mergerites battle for the continuing allegiance of some 58,000 SDP members.

Yesterday the Owenites were claiming that the platform had won through only because of frantic telephoning on Saturday night to "bring in the Seventh Cavalry." The mergerites say the vote indicates a bleak future for Dr Owen.

The civil war began back in August after a ballot of SDP members voted to enter merger negotiations with the Liberals by 57.4 per cent to 42.6 per cent.

Dr Owen and his followers announced that they would take no part in the talks and, after the SDP conference in Portsmouth in September, they began to set up their CSD "party within a party."

In a series of carefully timed announcements they revealed a steadily growing membership, culminating in the claim that they had 20,000 a week ago.

Mr Robert Maclennan last night called that claim "fanciful" while Mr John Cartwright, for the Owenites, said they were prepared to let anyone see their computers to substantiate it.

The Owenites fixed early on a clever strategy. They announced that they would not seek to mobilize the one third of votes which they might have secured to block any merger deal but would advise their followers to take no part in the vote or abstain. That meant they could claim all abstentions as support.

Then came the self-inflicted disaster of the hall booking. An SDP official accepted a booking for the conference hall after debates had finished on the Saturday for a "business meeting" of the Owenite SDP which was, in fact, a preliminary launching of the new Owenite party complete with "*Rise and greet your leader*" razzmatazz.

Alarmed that the Owenites were going to look like the official party, Mr Dick Newby, the party's national secretary, cancelled the booking. Legal action followed, and with solicitors on their way to a judge's home, the official leadership backed down and allowed the meeting.

The Owenites had overwhelmingly won the first round. But if their strategy was clever, their tactics were less so.

With up to 50 waverers estimated to be in the audience, Dr Owen never entered the hall during the merger debate. Mr Cartwright refused to take his place as a vice president and Lord Kilmarnock was the only Owenite sympathiser on the platform. They were therefore attacked as poor democrats.

Pro-merger organizers on Saturday noted that about 50 members of the CSD, the party's ruling body, had still not registered. They ruled out the estimated Owen supporters — around 20 — and set about wooing the others.

By the early hours of Sunday the pro-merger organizers, who had begun the conference expecting about 240 votes, believed they had it in the bag.

The Owenites, who played a *much greater part in the* Sunday morning debate, seemed to be in some confusion on their tactics. Instead of persuading all their supporters to register an abstention they let some go home, and their leaders appeared to be encouraging others to ignore the vote. Mr Cartwright said last night: "There was more confusion than I would have liked".

But though the pro-merger platform secured 78 per cent of the vote, it was no no more than 57 per cent of those eligible to vote — a result which left both sides sufficiently heartened to continue a fight which seems likely to run and run.

Medical channel go-ahead

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Princess Anne will demonstrate on Wednesday how, at the push of a button, the videos can be switched on automatically from London to receive the nightly programmes.

A doctor will only have to remember to put a blank tape in the recorder.

Mr Laurence Greetham, the chairman of British Direct Television, said: "This is a world first for broadcast television and something Britain can be proud of. The service we will be providing for doctors is at the most useful and life enhancing end of the spectrum."

If the medical broadcast experiment is a success he hopes to make specialist programmes for architects, farmers, veterinary surgeons and dentists which can be "downloaded" by the BBC.

Although British Direct Television will technically be providing a subscription service, most of the cost will be met by advertising on programmes.

Doctors will only have to pay a rental charge for the receiving hardware: £40 a year if their video recorder is suitable, or £70 a year if they need a specially adapted video.

Test transmissions are likely to get underway next month.

Two are feared lost in Scottish avalanche

By Kerry Gill

Two climbers were still missing and three injured last night after an avalanche hit climbers in the Western Highlands.

A major search was launched after the avalanche on 3,345ft Buachaille Etive Mor in Glencoe. Tumbling rocks and snow hit a party of five climbers, burying two; three were rescued and taken to Belford Hospital in Fort William.

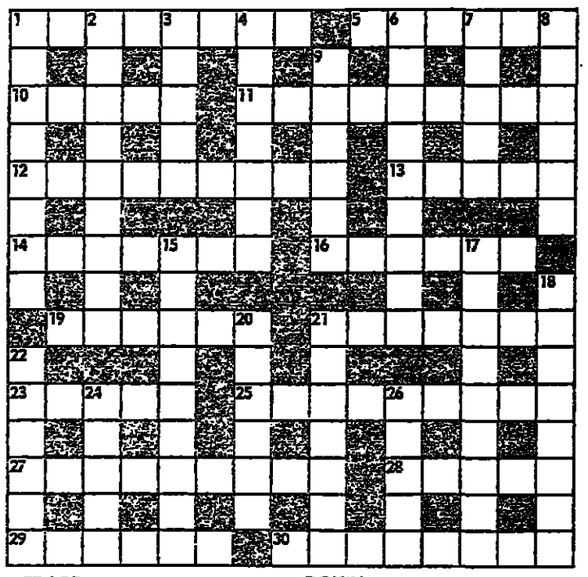
Rescue parties, including police, Glencoe Mountain Rescue and Lochaber Mountain Rescue teams, were helped by a RAF Sea King helicopter, which happened to be training in the area.

Sniffer dogs were also trying to find the missing climbers, and were tunnelling into huge piles of snow and rocks in effort to locate them.

A mountain rescue spokesman said there was a sudden thaw and the snow "just slid of the mountains".

One climber taken to Belford Hospital is suffering from a broken arm, another man has a broken shoulder and leg injuries, and a woman climber is in hospital with minor cuts and bruises.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,580



ACROSS
1 Shakespearean fellow taking workers by river (8).
5 Bill has very little cash, resulting in stress (6).
10 A French place well-protected against the elements (5).
11 To make a cut without Her Majesty suffering (9).
12 Spelling is her strong point (9).
13 At liberty to have a meal about mid-afternoon (5).
14 T.S. Eliot original? That's understatement! (7).
16 The one-time warning given by the farming community (6).
19 Recommendation of American lawyer backed by deputy (6).
21 Held back in favour of a tiresome fellow (7).
23 Love for a French engraver (5).
25 A living person (9).
27 Just rough ties, roughly knotted (9).
28 A humorous writer or two (5).
29 No thanks! Transport is organised for the official (6).
30 Add money to pool for material (8).

DOWN
1 A woman on her own — quite wrong, some feel (4,4).
2 Money one classified as rent (9).
3 A container say turning colour (5).
4 Overweight girl's parents (7).
6 Sounds like a bluebottle in the meal (9).
7 The man reversed in here in reckless fashion (5).
8 Stylish attempt to encompass an objective (6).
9 Pretentious, knowing about wood (6).
15 A term for neat terse characters (9).
17 No longer single-speed — that's clear (9).
18 Punishment must come to a stop! (8).
20 Note: the fellow hanging around is a famous American (6).
21 If such a reform comes about it will be a bloomer (7).
22 A communal home might well be littered! (6).
24 Should anything at all appear here? (5).
26 Dull church marriage (5).

Concise crossword, page 9

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MACROLOGY
a. Science of measurement
b. Prolixity
c. Prehistory

CATACHRESIS
a. A calamity
b. Misapplication
c. Uselessness

HEREDIPETY
a. A viral infection
b. Cadging
c. Genealogy

WUZZY
a. A young woman
b. The Indonesian macaw
c. Zonked out

Answers page 16, column 1

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,579 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

England, Wales and Northern Ireland will have showers or longer outbreaks of rain. There will be some snow on northern hills. Much of Scotland will have a wet day with drifting snow over high ground and even some sleet on lower ground. It will be windy with severe gales mainly over England and Wales. Winds will reach gale force over parts of central and northern Scotland. Outlook: showery.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; sl, sleet; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	f	13	55	Majorca	s	17	63
Akrotiri	c	18	64	Malaga	s	18	64
Alex'dria	s	23	73	Malta	f	14	57
Amst'dm	f	7	45	Melb'rne	f	18	64
Athens	f	14	57	Mexico C*	s	15	59
Bahrain	s	20	68	Miami*	c	23	73
Barbados*	f	29	84	Milan	s	11	52
Berlin	c	6	43	Moscow*	s	15	5
Bermuda*	c	18	61	Munich	f	3	37
Biarritz	r	10	50	Nairobi	f	29	84
Brussels	c	5	41	Naples	f	9	48
Budapst	c	7	45	N Delhi	s	20	68
B Aires*	s	20	68	N York*	s	4	39
Cairo	s	22	72	Oslo	sn	-2	28
Cape Tn	s	22	72	Paris	f	6	43
C'blanca	s	17	63	Peking	s	2	36
Ch'church	f	22	72	Perth	s	30	86
Cologne	c	5	41	Prague	f	3	37
Corfu	f	13	55	Riyadh	s	22	72
Dublin	s	5	41	Rome	c	10	50
Faro	s	15	59	S F'nsco*	s	12	54
Florence	f	9	48	Santiago*	s	28	82
Frankfurt	c	5	41	S Paulo*	c	31	88
Geneva	f	3	37	Seoul	s	-1	30
Hong K	c	19	66	Strasb'rg	c	5	41
Innsbruck	f	4	39	Sydney	f	25	77
Istanbul	r	8	46	Tel aviv	s	23	73
Jeddah	s	30	86	Tenerife	s	19	66
Jo'burg*	s	30	86	Tokyo	f	12	54
Karachi	s	26	79	Toronto*	c	7	45
L Palmas	f	19	66	Tunis	c	16	61
Lisbon	d	14	57	Venice	s	8	46
Locarno	c	9	48	Vienna	r	5	41
L Angels*	s	13	55	Warsaw	sn	-6	21
Luxembg	c	1	34	Wash'ton*	f	9	48
Madrid	f	11	52	Wel'nton	f	19	66

* denotes Saturday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12 53	6.3	1.19	6.4
Aberdeen	12.34	3.7	12.39	3.9
Avonmouth	6.21	11.7	6.48	11.8
Belfast	10 13	3.3	10 42	3.0
Cardiff	5 06	10.9	5.33	10 9
Devonport	4.52	5.0	5.20	4.8
Dover	10 26	5.8	10 44	6.1
Falmouth	4.22	4.8	4.50	4.6
Glasgow	12.01	4.3	11.50	4.6
Harwich	11.13	3.6	11 30	3.6
Holyhead	9 45	5.1	10.05	4.9
Hull	5.40	6.3	5.53	6.7
Ilfracombe	5 13	8.1	5.38	8.1
Leith	1 50	4.9	2.11	5.0
Liverpool	10.34	8.5	10.57	8.4
Lowestoft	9 10	2.1	9.00	2.3
Margate	11.33	4.2	11.40	4.3
Milford Haven	5.34	6.2	5.56	6.2
Newquay	4.25	6.2	4 47	6.2
Oban	5.33	3.5	5.42	3.5
Penzance	3.52	5.1	4.18	4.8
Portland	6.02	1.8	6.45	1.8
Portsmouth	10.39	4.2	11.14	4.3
Shoreham	10 26	5.5	10 58	5.7
Southampton	10.15	4.0	10 48	4.1
Swansea	5.34	8.3	6.01	8.3
Tees	2.56	4.7	3 08	5.0
W'ton-on-Nze	11.11	3.8	11.26	3.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.12	6	43	dull
Bridlington	0.2	.14	6	43	shower
Cromer	3.9	.15	7	45	shower
Lowestoft	5.7	.15	7	45	rain
Southend	-	-	-	-	
Hastings	3.2	-	8	46	bright
Eastbourne	4.1	-	8	46	sunny
Brighton	2.7	-	7	45	bright
Worthing	3	-	7	45	bright
Littlehmptn	-	.58	9	48	shower
Bognor R	3	-	8	46	shower
Sandown	3.1	-	8	46	bright
Bournemth	3.5	.01	8	46	shower
Swanage	4.2	.02	7	45	bright
Weymouth	1.8	.13	8	46	hail
Exmouth	1.4	.11	7	45	hail
Torquay	3.4	.06	9	48	hail
Falmouth	2.3	.37	7	45	hail
Scilly Isles	2.5	.16	8	46	hail
Ilfracombe	-	.06	8	46	dull
Minehead	3.5	.13	8	46	rain
Morecambe	-	.23	6	43	rain
Douglas	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Carlisle	-	.05	6	43	rain
Nottingham	1.0	.03	5	41	shower
Anglesey	0.8	-	7	45	shower
Tenby	5.2	.01	7	45	sunny
Aberdeen	-	.52	6	43	rain
Aviemore	-	.31	1	34	snow
Kinloss	-	.32	5	41	rain
Lerwick	-	.18	5	41	rain
Prestwick	0.2	.12	7	45	shower
Stornoway	-	.13	5	41	rain
Wick	-	.20	7	45	sleet

* Denotes figures not available. These are Saturday's figures.

THE POUND

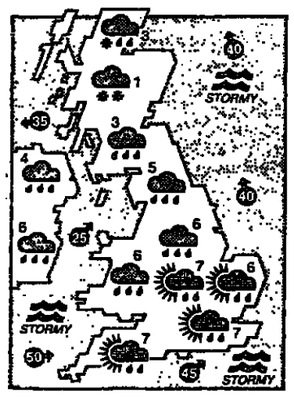
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.58	2.64
Austria Sch	21.65	20.55
Belgium Fr	64.35	61.15
Canada $	2.355	2.235
Denmark Kr	11.81	11.21
Finland Mrk	7.54	7.14
France Fr	10.38	9.86
Germany Dm	3.08	2.92
Greece Dr	259	239
Hong Kong $	14.29	13.50
Ireland Pt	1.163	1.103
Italy Lire	2250	2150
Japan Yen	238.50	224.50
Netherlands Gld	3.45	3.28
Norway Kr	11.73	11.13
Portugal Esc	251	238
South Africa Rd	4.15	3.60
Spain Pta	208.50	197.50
Sweden Kr	11.07	10.52
Switzerland Fr	2.50	2.38
USA $	1.845	1.755

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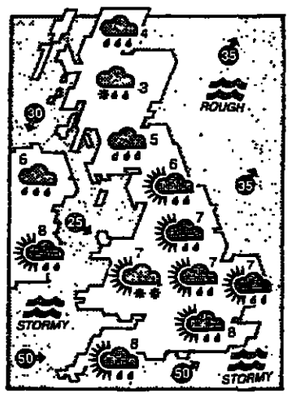
Retail Price Index: **103.3 (December).**

London: The *FT* index closed at **1435.7**
New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed up **28.18** at **1958.18.**

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.19 pm to 7.09 am
Bristol 5.29 pm to 7.18 am
Edinburgh 5.14 pm to 7.37 am
Manchester 5.20 pm to 7.24 am
Penzance 5.45 pm to 7.26 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am,4C (39F) Humidity: 6 pm, 62 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.8 hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1003.8 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Sun rises: 7.40 am — Sun sets: 4.49 pm
Moon sets 7.35 am — Moon rises 3.03 pm
Full moon tomorrow

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 9C (48F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Aberdeen, 0.52 in; highest sunshine: Lowestoft, Suffolk, 5.7 hr.

MANCHESTER

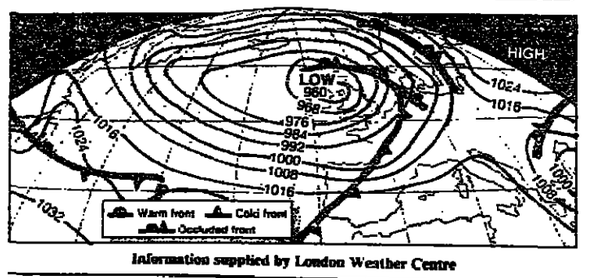
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am,3C (37F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.07 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.3 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	s	5	41	Guernsey	f	7	45
B'rmgham	s	9	43	Inverness	s	8	43
Blackpool	s	7	45	Jersey	f	9	48
Bristol	s	7	45	London	s	8	46
Cardiff	f	7	45	M'nchster	s	8	43
Edinburgh	f	8	46	Newcastle	f	7	45
Glasgow	c	8	46	R'nldsway	s	7	45

NOON TODAY



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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET

(Change on week)

FT 30 Share
1435.7 (+14.7)

FT-SE 100
1790.8 (+19.9)

Bargains
26287 (28744)

USM (Datastream)
148.21 (+3.39)

THE POUND

(Change on week)

US dollar
1.7700 (–0.0125)

W German mark
2.9665 (–0.0192)

Trade-weighted
74.3 (–0.4)

US NOTEBOOK

How Fed well send imports tumbling

From Maxwell Newton, New York

The Federal Reserve money growth freeze has continued to put aside threats of inflation, of a lower dollar and any promise of accelerated economic growth. Bond bears, dollar bears, bullish Wall Street economists and gold bulls have all been swept into a rising pile of broken limbs and torn branches — the detritus of a year-long, tough central bank policy.

In the December quarter of 1987, the US economy appears to have reached close to the peak of a major inventory cycle. The average increase in inventories (1982 prices) in 1987 was $42 billion a year, compared with an increase of $7 billion in 1985 and $14 billion in 1986. By the fourth quarter of last year, the rate of inventory accumulation (1982 prices) had rocketed to $58 billion.

Soon there will be a major, quite characteriztic, collapse of inventory accumulation. This will break import demand and will produce a sharp fall in imports.

Optimism

The inventory accumulation boom has been produced by excessive optimism among retailers, importers and manufacturers regarding the economic prospect.

Such optimism has been wilfully encouraged by the bromides from the White House, by the majority of Wall Street economists and by the facile belief that "October 19 didn't hurt." Now we know that the increase in "real" personal consumption during 1987 was only 1.8 per cent — a sharp drop from the average rise of 4.7 per cent a year over the four years 1983-1986 inclusive. In the fourth quarter, real personal consumption fell by 3.8 per cent a year — and not only because of a post-incentive fall in car sales.

Total real consumption of durable goods in the quarter fell at an annual rate of 20.4 per cent; consumption of non-durable goods fell at an annual rate of 4.5 per cent.

Already the labour market is signalling weaker employment prospects. Initial claims for unemployment insurance, which hit a cyclical low of 275,000 in the week ending October 19, 1987, climbed to 390,000 in the week ended January 16.

Commodity prices have begun to show important weakness. Precious metals prices are way down from their peaks. April gold futures which peaked at $500 in May, at the height of the then-fashionable inflation hysteria, ended last Friday at $458 — the lowest point since April.

Radical

Following their trouncing by the central banks in the first two weeks of January, the dollar bears are still in full retreat.

So drastic has been the rise in US inventories that dollar bulls do not find it hard to imagine a really steep drop in US imports that could bring the nominal trade deficit down to $50 billion by the third quarter of 1988.

Bonds have risen sharply as the radical, new developments have unfolded.

The yield on the 30-year US bond has fallen from 10.2 per cent on Friday, October 16, 1987, to 8.4 per cent last Friday — the equivalent of a price rise of 60 per cent a year.

Accordingly, prospects for this week's Treasury auction are deemed excellent, with substantial foreign participation expected, now that the currency risk has gone.

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New Seagram bid awaited

Martell family likely to endorse Canadians

By Joe Joseph

Seagram, the Canadian spirits group, is expected to tell the Paris Bourse today whether it is raising its bid for Martell, after signs that it is ready to trump Grand Metropolitan's £457 million offer for the French cognac producer.

A higher bid from Seagram would probably secure victory in the see-saw fight. The Martell family, which dragged its feet before half-heartedly endorsing GrandMet's terms last week, is said to be waiting for the chance to pledge itself to Seagram.

The Seagram board, led and controlled by the Bronfman family, has spent the weekend completing its strategy.

It has invested months in negotiating a deal and has built up close links with key members of the Martell family.

The betting is that the Bronfmans will regard France's second-biggest cognac house as too much of a prize to miss, and that they will dig deeper into their pockets for the long-term benefits that Martell has to offer.

Under France's takeover rules Seagram — which, until Martell's volte-face last week, enjoyed the blessing of the Martell family and its crucial 41 per cent shareholding — must top GrandMet's price by at least 5 per cent.

Mr Allen Sheppard, chairman of the British hotels and drinks group, has already said that capping a new Seagram bid would be difficult to justify to his shareholders, and that he would be happy to settle for the £40 million or so GrandMet would earn by selling its 21.8 per cent stake and continuing with the important distribution deal it has set up with Martell.

If asked to give odds on the victor, even GrandMet would probably put its money on Seagram.

If Seagram does freshen its bid, the Martell board would have to meet within five days to advise shareholders of its views. But it is likely that it would swiftly endorse a new bid from the Canadians.

Last week's switch of allegiance by the Martell family, which surprised financiers and its fellow-cognac producers, was led by branches of the family no longer involved in the cognac trade and thus more susceptible to the suitor offering the most money.

The sudden change of heart is believed to have embarrassed M René Firino Martell, who had repeatedly hailed Seagram as the most compatible marriage partner for for the 273-year-old cognac house, both for its brands — such as Mumm champagne and Glenlivet malt whisky — and its family-run structure.

That the board meeting that voted to accept the GrandMet bid was bitter and divided was underlined by the mildly worded endorsement that followed, advising shareholders that it was in their financial interest to take the GrandMet offer since it "is, as of today, the higher offer."

Significantly, the Martell board did not say whether the decision was unanimous or carried by a majority, and it fell short of recommending the British bid — both curious departures in statements which usually adopt a set financial vocabulary.

It is understood that a counter-offer from Seagram would carry a strong recommendation from the Martell board.

Highest-paid at GrandMet

The highest-paid employee of Grand Metropolitan, the drinks and hotels group, earned more than the chairman last year.

It is understood that a salary of between £385,001 and £390,000 was paid to Mr Max Kingsley, who runs the group's casino business.

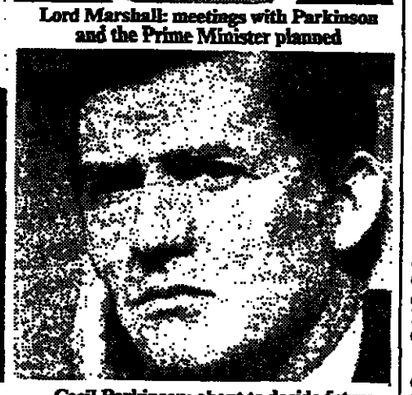
By contrast, Sir Stanley Grinstead, the retiring chairman, and his successor Mr Allen Sheppard were jointly paid £288,000 during the year, according to the latest report and accounts.



Richard Giordano: letter warns of illusion of competition in private electricity



Lord Marshall: meetings with Parkinson and the Prime Minister planned



Cecil Parkinson: about to decide future shape of electricity industry

Splitting CEGB 'may lead to higher prices'

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

The division of the Central Electricity Generating Board at privatization would not bring real competition and would lead to higher rather than lower electricity prices, the non-executive directors of the CEGB charge in a letter published over the weekend.

Mr Richard Giordano, the American chairman of BOC, the gases group, writing on behalf of the CEGB's four independent directors, says: "Competition can produce effects quite different from those originally intended or desired."

He says competition in electricity supply is likely to be illusory because generation is capital intensive — as has been proved in the US. The danger of market power being abused at the consumer's expense is even greater "if the illusion of competition masks the oligopolistic behaviour and impedes the development of a rigorous regulatory scheme."

The strongly-worded letter was sent to Mr Alex Henney, an energy consultant critical of the CEGB monopoly, in reply to one sent to Mr Giordano and the other non-executives: Sir Terence Beckett, Mr David Walker, a director of the Bank of England, and Mr William Wilkinson, the merchant banker who heads the Nature Conservancy Council.

Mr Henney suggested they should curb "misleading" statements by CEGB executives claiming power supplies would be threatened by any separation of the CEGB from bulk transmission through the national grid.

The reply has been published in part to voice fears — not least among merchant bank advisers — over impending decisions on the industry's future by Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Energy Secretary.

Lord Marshall of Goring, the CEGB chairman, is due to meet Mr Parkinson this week and then the Prime Minister.

There have been conflicting signals about Mr Parkinson's intentions. He is committed to introducing effective competition into generation but there has been endless dispute over the form this should take. Final decisions must be made before a White Paper, due to be presented to Parliament by Easter.

The CEGB accepts it has lost the battle to maintain full control of the national grid. It hopes to maintain an integrated power supply system through a transmission company jointly owned and controlled with the area distribution boards and possibly with new competing generating companies.

It seems certain the area boards will be privatized first. Hopes that the 12 area boards would be sold individually have been dashed. The Government believes grouping them together in four or five companies would make them a more attractive investment.

This solution is likely to be criticized as limiting the ability of regulators to control the local monopolies by making comparisons between their cost performances.

Even the CEGB's generating interests seem unlikely to remain completely intact. Ministers are convinced new competitors would be deterred from entering the industry by a monolithic CEGB. Mr Parkinson may still decide to split up the CEGB into three or more units, but this could prove incompatible with the Prime Minister's priority for investment in new nuclear power stations on a commercial basis.

The more likely solution is to split off about 10 per cent of the CEGB's 55 gigawatt of power station capacity into a single competitor which would be concentrated on a mix of coal-fired power stations.

This would also further Mr Parkinson's desire to introduce more competition into the market for British Coal. Mr Giordano claims the CEGB turns coal into electricity cheaper than private US companies and that any price advantage in the US is entirely due to the higher cost of coal in Britain.

Harris in MFI carpets deal

By Carol Ferguson

Harris Queensway, the furniture and carpets chain, has signed a five-year agreement with MFI giving it the sole right to sell carpets and other floor coverings in 78 MFI outlets throughout Britain.

Mr Martin Watts, managing director of Harris, said: "This deal with MFI will give us a very strong presence in all forms of carpet retailing out of town."

The group has 115 edge-of-town stores through Carpetland, and further concessions in 20 WH Smith Do-It-All stores and in four Sainsbury Homebase stores.

Harris Queensway also has 46 outlets in the Burton Group's Debenham stores, complementing its 160-store Harris Carpets high street chain.

"We need a significant presence on the high street, but there are good economic reasons for moving the majority of carpet retailing out of town," he said.

He added that 60 per cent of sales were through out-of-town outlets at present, but, keeping the high street component constant, he aimed to increase the proportion of edge-of-town sales to 70 per cent of the total.

Harris Queensway is also planning to test a new up-market shop in Nottingham. Mr Watts said the group had had a blanket volume approach, but that this was not the way forward. With reference to more up-market ranges, he said: "Looking ahead, we think it is an area we should address in one way or another."

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Factory pay rises fall to 5.5%, says CBI

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The Confederation of British Industry has welcomed a slight fall in pay settlement increases in manufacturing industry during the final quarter of last year.

Provisional figures from the CBI's pay data bank show that increases eased to an average of 5.5 per cent compared with 5.8 per cent in the third quarter.

The figures show that the upward movement in manufacturing pay settlements had come to a "welcome halt," said Mr Rod Thomas, the director of employment affairs at the CBI.

Since the fourth quarter of 1986, when the rate of increase sank to 4.8 per cent, the rise in earnings from settlements started to climb, to 5 per cent in the first quarter and then 5.4 per cent in the second quarter before peaking in the third quarter.

There was further encouragement from a CBI study of long-term pay agreements which discounted suggestions that long-term deals produce higher increases than annual settlements. Virtually no differences between the two types of settlements in manufacturing have so far shown up, said the CBI.

But the long-term deals had the advantage of being five times more likely to include clauses on more flexible working and the removal of restrictive practices.

Mr Thomas said: "It is clear that in the search for improved performance, long-term pay deals can make a significant contribution."

But rises in pay settlements in private sector service companies are still showing no signs of slackening, averaging a provisional 7.1 per cent in the second half of last year compared to 6.2 per cent in the first six months, the databank shows.

Additionally, as the CBI points out in its latest employment affairs report, the rise in British unit labour costs, while low against the previous 12 months, still compares unfavourably with rivals.

British unit labour costs, in 1987 to November, were up 2.4 per cent while there were declines in the US (down 2.7 per cent to the third quarter), France (down 1.3 per cent to the third quarter) and Japan (down 0.9 per cent to the second quarter).

The advantages of long-term pay deals appear quite dramatic, said Mr Thomas. There was greatly increased scope for improving productivity and efficiency, changing working practices, securing a firmer pricing policy

Inflation 'at 5% by year-end'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Strong wage pressures, a fall in the value of the pound and continued strong growth in credit, are likely to push inflation up to 5 per cent by the end of the year, together with a £7 billion current account deficit, according to a City forecast.

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, in a new publication *UK Economic Issues*, released today, says that overheating is a "major worry" for the economy despite the effects of the stock market crash last October.

Growth in consumer spending is forecast to be just over 4 per cent, sustained by tax cuts in the Budget, the current low level of interest rates and easily available credit.

The Nomura Research Institute, in a report from its London office, also gives a warning of difficulties on the balance of payments.

It says that the current account, and its consequences for sterling, could be a "time bomb" for Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if a rapid fall in the pound pushes inflation sharply higher. On Friday, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, gave a warning of a rise in interest rates to contain inflationary pressures.

CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, in its *Economic and Monetary Review*, predicts a "severe" slowdown in the economy, and says that the peak in activity was reached in the third quarter of last year.

Growth of 2.4 per cent this year will give way to a growth rate of just 0.9 per cent in 1989 the report says. As well as this, inflation is forecast to end this year below 4 per cent, but to rise sharply to 5.4 per cent next year.

BR in talks on newspaper contracts

British Rail is in an advanced stage of negotiations with the *Telegraph, Mail, Express* and *Financial Times* newspaper groups to release them from haulage contracts tying them to the railways until 1990.

BR makes heavy losses on its 100 newspaper trains, having lost £15 million in annual revenue through the withdrawal of News International and Mirror Group titles. BR hopes to retain 15 to 20 trains on long-haul routes.

Yesterday, however, Mirror Group's head Mr Robert Maxwell said on Channel 4's *The Business Programme* that he plans to return his papers to the rails for some routes.

DTI watch on Tokyo share price limits

Japan's attempt to reduce the risk of panic in stock market setbacks — by limiting dealings to a 30 per cent price range on any given day — is being watched by the Department of Trade and Industry. But a spokesman denied yesterday that there had been any formal approach to the Tokyo Stock Exchange for information.

While the British authorities will be interested to hear the results of moves designed to prevent the trauma of another Black Monday, they will feel that on the whole the City coped well and would not want to rush into any unnecessary changes. Tokyo can call a halt to trading for the day if a share price rises or falls by more than 15 per cent.

USM REVIEW

Award surprises wait in wings

By Michael Clark

Voting papers for this year's USM Awards Dinner, which is being held on March 1, have now been sorted and a list of finalists compiled.

Some of the awards are purely factual and the recipients are, thus, already known. Aesis Jewellery, its share price having risen by some 755 per cent despite the crash, receives the Best Performing Share title and Misys, a supplier of computer software to the insurance industry, is certain to pick up the Best Performing New Issue award after a rise from its issue price of 95p last spring to 265p on Friday.

Capel-Cure Myers, the stockbroker, has also — once again — won the award for top sponsor of USM companies.

But surprises could be in store for the titles of USM Entrepreneur of the Year and Overseas USM Company of the Year.

Nominated by fund managers, stockbrokers, bankers, public relations executives and financial journalists, the three finalists in the overseas company category are Mrs Fields, Pacer Systems and Tribble Harris.

There are four nominations in the running for the USM entrepreneur award. They are Mr Bruce Gyngell, managing director of TV-am, who was brought into the public eye following the technicians' strike. Mr Gyngell's nomination is unusual in that he is the only one not to be a founder or big shareholder in his firm.

Miner's son Mr Derek Cook, of Yorkshire-based DC Cook, Britain's largest Nissan distributor, is also in the running, as is Miss Sophie Mirman, of

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Sock Shop — who expects her second child this month — and Mr John Hughes, of Hughes Food, who will go down in the history books for once having proclaimed: "Anybody who is in red meat is dead." Hughes Food specializes in fish.

Meanwhile, on the USM last week, shares of the Guidehouse financial services group, which has itself taken companies to the USM, jumped 5p on Friday to 65p as it announced that the British Linen Bank, the merchant banking arm of the Bank of Scotland, had taken a 3.9 per cent stake. The stake was acquired by a vendor and cash placing.

Guidehouse and BLB plan to co-operate in financing management buyouts and other equity financings. In addition, both will, they say, promote, on a non-exclusive basis, complementary products and examine scope for co-operation in other spheres.

Some of the cash generated by issuing the 800,000 shares to BLB will be used to pay for the acquisition of Faverwise, a specialist West End recruitment agency, and to pay the deferred consideration for Customer Account Marketing Services, a company bought by Guidehouse in 1986.

The annual Toy Fair opened at Earls Court on Saturday, giving toy manufacturers the last chance to show their latest wares to the big retailers before the new selling season starts. Mr Richard King and Mr Chris Adams, chairman and managing director respectively of Fergabrook Group, the loss-making consumer merchandise group, were there.

Full-year figures from Fergabrook in March should see a return to profit after losses during the past two years totalling £6.3 million. Mr Adams reckons the worst of the crisis is over for the group.

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ANALYSIS

Harris's new team plots a furniture sales revolution

The public has not been well-served by the furniture industry. In every other part of our increasingly mature and sophisticated economic environment, retailers, in co-operation with the manufacturers, have been able to motivate customers with new and exciting merchandise.

But, at a time of rapidly growing disposable income, the furniture industry has been almost unique in its failure to respond to the consumer boom.

Locked in a vicious circle in which retailers are forced to discount prices heavily to shift unappealing products, the manufacturers have been squeezed to the point where they have little incentive to produce attractive goods, and every incentive to cut corners.

As a result, Britain's furniture-buying habits have hardly changed.

Harris Queensway is disarming in its readiness to accept some of the blame, admitting to some fairly serious errors. These include a breakdown in financial controls, inappropriate new merchandise in furniture showrooms and too many peripheral activities that do not make sense.

These failings have all had a thorough airing in the Press and in stockbrokers' offices and, following the appointment of a new group managing director, Mr Martin Watts, and finance director, Mr Tony Shanagher, there are already some encouraging signs of decisive management action.

The Ultimate electricals chain and the Home Charm chain have been sold, and the market will no doubt be gratified if rumours that Hamleys toy shop is also up for sale prove to be true.

The job of re-establishing financial controls has been entrusted to Mr Shanagher. He is carrying out a systems review, making changes as he goes along. "My job is to ensure that it doesn't happen again," he says.

At board level, an audit committee of three non-executive directors, including one of the two Great Universal Stores appointees, has been set up.

The benefits of strict financial control extend far beyond mere book-keeping. Harris Queensway believes that the key to revitalizing the furniture market lies in quicker response times.

Stock control, for example, is a prerequisite for faster delivery — and Harris aims to eventually cut delivery times to two weeks from its more usual six-to-eight weeks.

The shorter the time between placing of the order and delivery, the better the manufacturer's chance of responding quickly to changing demand.

In an effort to shed its outdated discount image, the entire marketing strategy is being overhauled by Mr Watts.

He has abandoned the ill-starred attempt to introduce glassware, china, and cookware into the Queensway furniture warehouses.

"It is not appropriate to have low-ticket items in high-ticket, low-volume furniture stores, and we are not doing it any more," he says. "The only furniture accessories we will sell are occasional tables and lamps."

He is now offering a wider furniture range in terms of both choice and price.

"We are providing a better environment, with room settings — it's a different style of selling and serving the customer," he says.

Taking its cue from the group's highly successful carpet business, where central warehousing and automated systems ensure that the customer has his carpet delivered and laid within five days of ordering, Harris Queensway decided last year that it had to make a big investment in a central furniture facility for key production areas, such as upholstery and bedding.

"What we have done in the carpets business has completely distanced us from our competitors in terms of availability and service," Mr Watts says.

But it took time in carpets, and Mr Watts gave warning that it would take time in furniture.

"Getting the benefits from cost controls and our investment in distribution is a three-year exercise," he says.

"We won't see the full benefits of the new warehouse in 1988, because we have not released the satellite support systems and we have not attracted the customers. We are not working for a quick fix, but for a solid platform for growth."

Nevertheless, Harris Queensway is already seeing the first evidence that it can significantly reduce delivery times in furniture.

"Our objective is get the furniture into the home within a week of placing the order," Mr Watts says.

The next stage is to put more pressure on the British manufacturers who make 90 per cent of Queensway's furniture.

The group has a special relationship with its key manufacturers, but admits that it has not thought enough about the changing needs of the consumer, as opposed to what suited the manufacturer and the retailer.

Mr Watts contends that the best way of responding to consumer demand is through shorter lead times. "If we can get a supply chain working that responds to choice, we will have the advantage in reacting to trends and fashion colours," he says.

And Harris Queensway feels the best way of finding out what the customer wants is through its Times furniture stores in the high streets.

Market research has discovered four "buying moments" in furniture. The budget-conscious first-time buyer needs to furnish his home completely at low cost.

When this buyer reaches the 37-to-45 age group, unflatteringly caricatured as "two kids, a Ford Sierra and a dog," the budget furniture is threadbare and needs to be replaced. "We speak clearly to that customer now," Mr Watts says.

The third category is the couple nearing retirement, making their final purchase to last the rest of their lives.

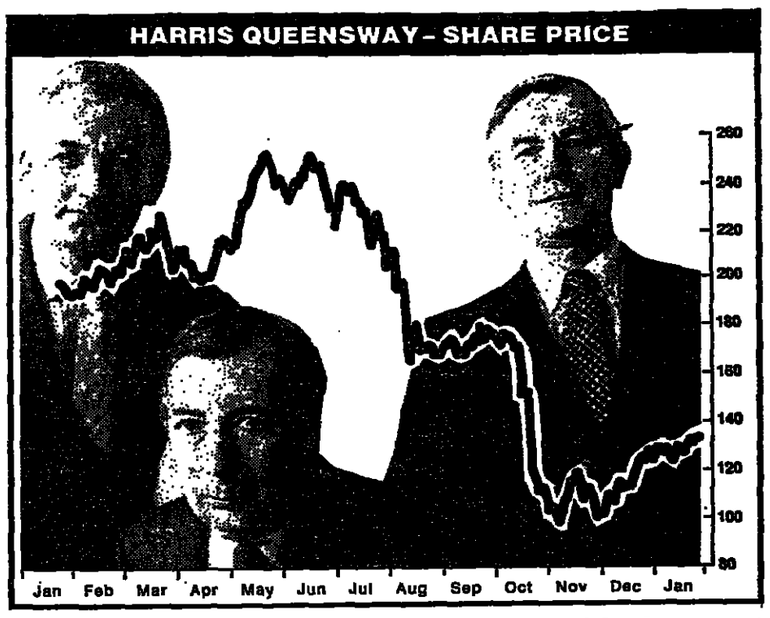
This does not mean that Harris Queensway has abandoned all thoughts of moving up-market. The fourth category, a new one for the group but one which it means to take seriously, is the big-spending, double-earning couple.

At the time of the disastrous interim results, Sir Philip forecast a full year 1987-88 pretax result of £32 million.

Certainly, the current year is shaping up to be a record year for carpets, but Sir Philip is not looking for a return to reasonable margins in furniture until 1989.

The prospective multiple of 16.5 is already looking forward to better times in 1989, and the short-term share price performance is likely to be dull. The 5.8 per cent prospective yield looks attractive.

Carol Ferguson



Sir Philip Harris (above centre) will want to forget last year. During 1987, Harris Queensway's chairman presided over a series of disasters, culminating in a series of boardroom departures.

Harris Queensway shares underperformed the market by one-third. Profits were devastated by inadequate financial controls, ill-considered changes in merchandise in the furniture stores and losses in electrical retailing.

Analysts, angered by the apparent suddenness of the profits downturn, find it hard to forgive Sir Philip for failing to warn them sooner that their profits forecasts were seriously adrift.

Now the challenge facing him, his new managing director, Mr Martin Watts (left), and finance director, Mr Tony Shanagher (right), is nothing less than to change the face of furniture retailing.

GILT-EDGED

Inflation or recession: make up your mind

In the next few weeks it will be "make your mind up time" for the world's bond markets. After three months of dithering between fears of recession and galloping inflation, the outcome may finally begin to clarify. In which direction will the cat jump?

For the world as a whole, and abstracting from Britain for a moment, recessionary forces seem to be gathering a little momentum. Gordon Pepper wrote in this column last week that the monetary pointers on the US suggested domestic demand would weaken, and the pessimists on US activity (including ourselves at Goldman Sachs) certainly gained ground after the publication of the fourth-quarter GNP statistics last Wednesday. These showed personal consumption declining at an annual rate of 3.8 per cent while inventories rose ominously.

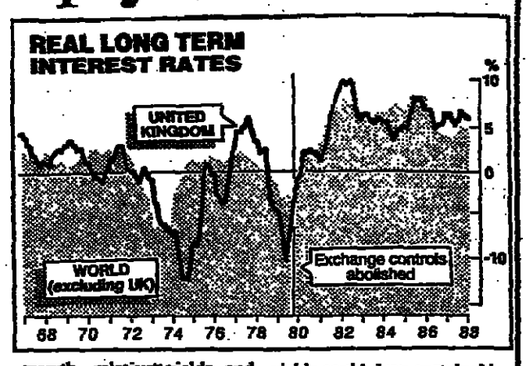
The data will remain mixed for a while, but some slowdown in US output now seems almost inevitable. Meanwhile, prospects for activity in both West Germany and France look fairly bleak. Against this background there is no need to hurry back into equities and large investors will probably continue to build up cash and bond weightings in their global portfolios.

The problem for gilts investors is to decide how our market fits into this global picture. Although a few stray indicators suggest British growth may have slowed after the stock market collapse, the dominant picture still seems to involve many more symptoms of over-heating than over-cooling.

Both the buoyant CBI survey for January and the £582 million current account deficit for December show a domestic economy under increasing strain. Stripping out oil and erratics, import volume has been rising at annualized rates of about 22 per cent since mid-1987, raising memories of earlier consumer-led binges.

The fact that the gilts market was basically able to sail happily through these choppy domestic waters should tell us something important. At present, British wrinkles on the global landscape are not thought to be particularly significant.

What seems to count most is the market's emerging belief that this is not going to be a good year for equity investment, and that simple prudence requires that bond weightings be increased. Neither here nor in the US do equities yet seem cheap relative to bonds, based on a very long view of dividend growth, relative yields and risk premiums. While this mood is developing and solidifying gilts can continue to do reasonably well, despite symptoms of domestic overheating.



This raises an interesting point, well encapsulated in the above graph. It is becoming more and more unusual for real (inflation-adjusted) yields in Britain to differ very much from the world average. Statistical tests confirm that since exchange controls were abolished in 1979 real gilt yields have locked themselves into the global average to a much greater degree than before. This would, of course, be expected in an increasingly integrated world market. Indeed, allowing for noise on the data imparted by the problem of actually measuring real yields (we have used forward looking inflation measures to derive the graph but other methods are possible), it is not obvious that real yields on gilts can differ for very long, or by very much, from the global average.

If we were to accept the (contentious) hypothesis that real gilt yields will, by and large, be fairly similar to the average in other countries, several implications follow.

First, any apparent deviations between British and global real yields may give us a market opportunity, as indeed happened early last year.

At present, though, real gilt yields seem to be roughly in line with the global average, so there is no clear signal either way. This means real gilt yields may simply trade along with those elsewhere.

In a slow growth environment, the general direction of world real yields may be downwards, especially if a stampede out of equities occurs. There is no easy way of estimating how far this could go.

Real yields now average about 5 per cent, which is around 2 per cent more than the average in the low-inflation 1960s. However, it would be surprising if real yields could drop sustainably to their 1960s levels, since the abiding memory of the huge losses incurred by bond holders in the inflationary 1970s now means that an extra risk premium is permanently built into the real yield.

Perhaps the global average real yield might drop to about 4-4.5 per cent and, if the implications of the graph are correct, this might also be close to the sustainable real gilt yield, at least over a period of years.

To move from this to nominal gilt yields we need to add an estimate of expected British inflation. This is not especially straightforward, since the rate of retail price inflation this year will be rather lower than the underlying inflation rate, as measured by the GDP deflator or the rate of increase in unit labour costs.

On a year ahead basis, retail price inflation will be about 4 per cent, while the GDP deflator may rise by about 5.5 per cent (mortgage rates and import costs explain the difference).

The gilts market's assessment of long-term inflation may well oscillate between these two limits and, along with the global real yield, this may also define the boundaries of the trading range for long gilt yields — say 8.5 per cent when the market is feeling in a recessionary mood and 10 per cent when worries develop over the exchange rate (and therefore inflation) consequences of the balance of payments deterioration.

The former mood is more likely in the next few months, while the latter may dominate later in the year. If so, we may experience a rather familiar pattern, with a strong spring rally being dissipated in the summer and autumn. Even so, for the year as a whole, the total return on British equities may be hard pressed to match the much safer return on bonds.

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City 'could lose 10,000 jobs'

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

As many as 10,000 of the 90,000 people who work in the securities industry could lose their jobs this year. And those who remain can expect even greater pressures than they are under at the moment — as well as longer hours.

Miss Rhiannon Chapman, director of personnel at the Stock Exchange, has put forward this "worst case" scenario for employment prospects in the City for the year ahead, saying the people losing jobs will not be dealers. Many, she says, will be averagely paid clerks and junior executives.

Miss Chapman points out in the magazine *Personnel Management* that 10,000 jobs have been created in the City in the past five years. Many of the jobs which will be lost represent excess capacity caused by pre-Big Bang mergers.

Miss Chapman goes on: "Moreover, during 1987 many businesses went in for forward recruitment, in expectation of continuing increases in levels of market activity. Many redundancies will arise because competition for business (in a slower market) is now becoming extremely fierce, and profit margins are shrinking."

She says that despite the jobs that have been created there have been dramatic skill shortages, ranging from world-class dealers and market-makers to compliance and regulatory officers, settlement staff, systems developers, project managers systems installers and maintenance staff as well as many others, such as accountants and lawyers.

The career opportunities generated by the larger scale of business have attracted many people from the industrial and commercial sectors — "producing cries of anguish from their bereft employers".

Miss Chapman says about 180,000 people now work in the City, about half of them in the securities sector. But, she says, the reality of working life is very different from the image, which the City relishes, of "high life, Porsches and six-figure salaries".

About 56 per cent of Stock Exchange staff are on salary scales that top out at £12,400 a year. These are almost all commuters living in the suburbs, many with mortgages.

Once the redundancies have been made, Miss Chapman says, the jobs that remain will be significantly more demanding than in the past, with increased emphasis on fast reaction time, performance and productivity.

There will be more shift working, early-morning starts and late nights to cover global timescales. As in other sectors, there is a need to make investment and technology pay its way.

"The City will be an exciting and rewarding place," she writes. "But by no means an area where the streets are paved with gold. The new climate will be expressed in terms of redundancies.

"Among those who remain, very few people can expect to see the kind of bonuses which were generated by the bull market. And many firms' bonuses are likely to be non-existent this year."

Mr Amin Raja, project director of a study by the Institute of Manpower Studies into human resource needs in the City over the next five years, says that in the past year between 1,200 and 1,500 jobs have been lost in the City. About 150 of these were not redundancies, but redeployment.

Mr Raja adds: "There have been some wildly exaggerated stories about job losses in the City over the past few months. I would say that the loss of another 10,000 jobs in 1988 is a very pessimistic forecast".

ASC plans changes in standards

By Carol Ferguson

The Accounting Standards Committee is planning to make some short-term changes to SSAPs 22 and 23, the two standards which govern acquisitions, as a prelude to a longer-term review of acquisition standards.

The move is designed to accommodate criticism that the standards allowed too much flexibility in the ways companies account for acquisitions, although Mr Michael Renshall, the ASC chairman, said there was no evidence that the standards were having any significant effect.

The full scope of the short-term changes has still to be decided, but there is likely to be a tightening-up of the criteria used to decide whether a company should use acquisition accounting or merger accounting. One criticism of the present standard is that it is too easy to meet the requirements for a merger through the use of such devices as vendor placings and vendor rights issues.

The ASC is also understood to be looking at the treatment of goodwill. The current standard allows companies to choose whether to write it off to reserves or amortize it over a number of years through the profit and loss account, whereas US companies have to amortize it.

C&W shares leap as dealing starts in HK Telecom

By Michael Tate

Hong Kong stock markets will be dominated this morning by first-time dealings in Hong Kong Telecommunications which, at £4.2 billion, has become Hong Kong's largest public company, replacing Hongkong & Shanghai Bank.

Events will be watched closely by followers of Cable & Wireless, which owns 80 per cent of HK Telecom. C&W shares climbed 18p to 370p on Friday, on hopes that the listing would prompt renewed interest. The entire C&W group is valued at only £3.7 billion.

HK Telecom is the product of a merger between two of C&W's subsidiaries, Hong Kong Telephone, which will holds the Crown Colony's domestic telephone franchise until 1995, and Cable & Wireless (Hong Kong), which is licensed to provide its international telecommunications until 2006.

The Hong Kong operations account for 70 per cent of C&W group profits.

The Hong Kong public will own 9 per cent of the new group, with the Hong Kong government holding the remaining 11 per cent, the legacy of its 20 per cent stake in C&W (HK).

Plans to sell off the government's holding were shelved in the wake of the stock market crash.

Tin creditors appeal to MPs

By Colin Narbrough

Creditor banks and brokers seeking to recover millions of pounds of bad debts from the International Tin Council have appealed to MPs to try to prevent new legislation that would leave British companies as badly exposed as they were under the ITC tin agreement.

Tinco Realisations, formed to defend the interests of the creditors, points out in a letter that the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency Bill, scheduled for its third reading in the Commons today, contains similar risks to those in the government-backed accord behind the ITC.

Mr Michael Arnold, for Tinco, says: "It is not too late for Parliament to stop the Government from perpetuating the same mistakes in joining Miga as those arising from the UK's membership of the ITC."

The legislation is to enable Britain to join Miga, a Washington-based World Bank affiliate designed to encourage private investment in developing countries.

Mr. Arnold said failure to address the mistakes would mean that any British company seeking to insure or reinsure risks with Miga would have to demand cast-iron guarantees from the Government in case Miga failed.

The sovereign signatories behind the ITC, including the Government, have rejected any responsibility for the ITC's liabilities.

Ferruzzi plans to restructure £3.5bn debt

Ferruzzi Finanziaria, the holding company that controls the Italian conglomerate Ferruzzi-Montedison, has outlined plans to streamline operations and restructure the 7.6 trillion lire (£3.5 billion) debts of Montedison, Italy's second biggest private group.

The family holding company, Ferruzzi Finanziaria, will become a joint stock company and serve as the new group parent, with the Ferruzzi family keeping its controlling stake in a limited partnership to safeguard against takeover bids.

The reorganization crowns the work of Signor Raul Gardini, the Ferruzzi chairman, who built up a 41 per cent stake in Montedison, taking effective control.

Woodchester's £40m takeover bid 'agreed'

By Our City Staff

Details are expected to be announced today of an agreed takeover bid worth up to £40 million by Woodchester Investments, the ambitious Dublin leasing company, for London-based Moorgate Mercantile Holdings.

Woodchester has already built a 29.9 per cent stake in MMH, and on Christmas Eve Mr Craig McKinney, Woodchester's chief executive, disclosed that takeover talks were under way. On Friday, share deals in both companies were halted.

Woodchester is 53 per cent-owned by the British & Commonwealth Group, and has been earmarked by the B&C chief, Mr John Gunn, as the group's vehicle for expansion in Britain and the rest of Europe. Under it Mr McKinney Woodchester has expanded rapidly and has effectively outgrown the Irish market.

Last year Woodchester took a 25 per cent stake in Lookers, the Manchester car dealer, where it now has first option on all leasing and hire-purchase business. But until now its lack of a British base has prevented it from taking advantage of the arrangement.

MMH, half of whose business derives from second-hand car financing, will solve that problem at a stroke, and provide the springboard for European expansion.

Profits double at Compass to £17.3 million

Compass Group, the contract catering and building services and management group, moves closer to a full listing with the news today that profits for the year to end-September have more than doubled from £8.4 million to £17.3 million. Turnover rose 14.3 per cent to £261.3 million.

Mr Gerry Robinson, the chief executive who led last summer's £160 million management buyout of Compass from Grand Metropolitan is looking for a chunky acquisition as a platform for a listing.

Mr Robinson is having talks with at least one quoted company, as well as two smaller, private operations, and company sources expect him to move soon.

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Thatcher to back UK bids for Bosporus bridge work

By Colin Narbrough

The Prime Minister, who was angry when a British company lost the contract for the second Bosporus bridge to a Japanese rival, is keen to secure the multi-million contract for the third bridge for British industry. She is expected to take up the issue during her visit to Turkey in April.

Mrs Thatcher is also likely to try to persuade Ankara to take a serious fresh look at the British contender in the international bidding for a $1 billion (£56 million) armoured personnel carrier order for Turkey's armed forces.

Trafalgar House, the British shipping to construction company which built the first Bosporus Bridge in 1973 linking Asia Minor to Europe for the first time, lost the competition for the second crossing two years ago when a Japanese company submitted a far cheaper offer at the last minute.

Coming at a time of mounting irritation over Japan's trade tactics, Mrs Thatcher is understood to have personally voiced her anger to the thenJapanese prime minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, over the way the deal was won.

The second bridge, due to be completed this year, is one kilometre long and cost about £250 million.

The third link, urgently required because of the region's enormous traffic growth, should broadly match the last bridge on cost, although it will be shorter.



Building bridges: the first link across the Bosporus under construction in the early 1970s

A spokesman for Trafalgar House said the company would be delighted if Mrs Thatcher put her personal weight behind the British bid during her talks with Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish prime minister.

The company has had only preliminary discussions with the Turkish authorities and considers it too early to gauge its chances. While prepared to take over the running of the planned Dartford crossing on the Thames, the company is looking primarily for a cash deal in Turkey.

The Prime Minister's interest in the Bosporus is acknowledged in Whitehall, but the Government's stance on Turkey's announcement two weeks ago, that it was giving an American supplier top priority on the armoured personnel order, is less clear.

GKN, the British engineering group contending for the order with the Americans and a West German group, saw the announcement putting it in third place and effectively out of the running, although it regarded its vehicle, the Warrior, as the best of the three in modern war conditions.

The tracked personnel carrier, supplied to the British Army, represents a more sophisticated technology than the AIFV made by the American company FMC or the West German Krauss Maffei's vehicle.

A GKN spokesman said the order for 1,500 vehicles, scaled down from an original 3,000, appeared to have gone to the Americans because of the cheaper dollar and the lower-price technology involved.

Business of filling top jobs booming

By Roland Rudd

Business is booming for recruitment consultants searching for chief executives and managing directors, the independent pay research group Incomes Data Services reports.

Many companies prefer not to advertise their top jobs because to do so may be seen as evidence of failure or inadequate internal planning.

Chief executive vacancies in large companies are often filled through consultants involved in executive searching. The advertisements which appear in newspapers are often placed by smaller organizations and reflect the lower end of the market.

Internal recruitment is usually cheaper than advertising for an executive outside the business and ensures that the new chief executive has an immediate understanding of the company.

IDS spoke to many organizations whose need to recruit from outside occurred in changing circumstances such as a merger or acquisition, or a downturn in fortunes.

The group reports that there is no salary cut-off point beyond which only an executive search is used. An average selection of top jobs shows salaries ranging from £20,000 for a chief executive in a charity and up to £80,000 for a managing director in a textiles firm. Most of the salaries fall in the £30,000-£50,000 range.

The IDS selection clearly shows that the advertised salaries in national newspapers are at the lower end when compared with the figures from Charterhouse's survey, which reported a median salary of £176,050 for chief executives in large companies and listed 22 chief executives earning more than £300,000.

The Institute of Directors (IOD) published a survey of top pay based on data from smaller companies and found an average salary of £32,500 for managing directors.

A new survey of directors' pay and benefits published by the PPC group shows the average salary for a managing director at the end of last year was £29,400.

In conclusion, the IDS study shows that the advertisements placed in newspapers asked for candidates aged between 30 and 35, with sales and marketing experience and good experience of the industry.

IDS monthly review of salaries and benefits, Incomes Data Services, 193 St John Street, London EIV 4LS: by subscription.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Wanted: a vaccine to beat Eurosclerosis

The economic outlook this year on the continent of Europe and in the rest of the industrialized world presents an extraordinary contrast. The Japanese economy is picking up rapidly after the slow start to last year and is heading for growth of 3¼-4 per cent. In the US, although domestic demand is now slowing, exports are buoyant and the economy could still grow this year by 2½-3 per cent. Britain, too, looks set for growth of 2½-3 per cent in spite of the gradual fall in North Sea production.

But in France and West Germany, the picture is very different. Despite an unintended fiscal relaxation caused by the budget deficit overshooting by a third, non-government forecasters expect the West German economy to grow this year by only 1-1½ per cent. In France, the prospect is similar. What has happened to upset the established order of things in which the German locomotive powers on regardless, drawing the European train behind it?

Part of the explanation is to be found in West Germany's admirably Teutonic obsession with inflation. Although fiscal and monetary restraint have served the country well over the years, keeping inflation persistently lower than in competitor countries, in present circumstances of moderate domestic demand and exports squeezed by the fall in the dollar there is likely to be some short-term cost to output. France, with a large part of its economy trading with Germany, cannot fail to be strongly affected by the gloom over the border.

But this is not the whole story. However hard one tries to explain Europe's lagging performance in terms of macro-economic policies, it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that micro-economic differences are at least as important. The economies of Europe are suffering from a form of Eurosclerosis which makes them less agile than low-tax America or high-investing Japan.

Gavyn Davies of Goldman Sachs has compared some key indicators in West Germany and the rest of the world over the recent past. Germany's budget deficit is still low as a proportion of national income. But the *change* in the structural budget balance over the period 1986-88 has been modestly expansionary as tax cuts have taken effect while in the US and Japan, when differences in the business cycle are allowed for, it was contractionary. So although fiscal policy has done little to stimulate the German economy, it does not seem to have been a major cause of the slowdown.

Monetary policy has been fairly restrictive in intention, but real interest rates have moved closely in line with the world average since 1980. It is difficult, therefore, to pin the blame for the slowdown simply on monetary stringency.

Exchange rate changes have hampered exporters with the mark rising strongly against the dollar. But relative unit labour costs have risen by far less in Germany than in Japan where exporters are already picking themselves off the floor.

It is only when one starts to look at factors affecting the supply side of the economy that bigger differences become apparent. Investment, for instance, has been very low in the last four years, contributing only 0.8 percentage points of economic growth in both Germany and France. In Britain, by contrast, it contributed 3.5 per cent and in Japan 7.4 per cent.

Marginal tax rates on average wages, including social security contributions, are relatively high in both Germany, at 62.7 per cent and France, at 51.2 per cent. In the United Kingdom, where the average wage is considerably lower, they are 43.9 per cent, in the US 40.9 per cent and Japan 31.5 per cent.

This may have something to do with the rate of increase in labour productivity which in Britain during the last three years was more than double that in Germany, though Britain still has plenty of ground to make up. In the US, productivity has been increasing relatively slowly, but the number of jobs as a result has grown rapidly. The results of declining competitiveness are seen in the comparatively high share of imports in domestic demand growth in Germany and France which, on this measure, head the list.

The major Continental economies clearly have a lot of work to do in improving their efficiency and competitiveness. West Germany, like France, is still a highly regulated economy. There are rules for everything from the rights of labour to the composition of beer. Taxes are high and subsidies are high; both subsidies to industry and subsidies to individuals through the social security system. Changes in France, where the tradition of state control is longer and more pervasive, have been greater than in Germany as the privatization programme indicates. But a free market is not the most natural concept in the Gallic mind.

For Britain, as for France and Germany, it is important that these structural defects in the French and German economies should be tackled. For the opportunities presented by membership of the EEC and the further opportunities from 1992 on completion of the internal market will be greatest if all member states are growing vigorously.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Greenall to brew Labatt's

Labatt's, Canada's biggest brewer which has been exporting its lager to Britain in cans and bottles, starts selling its draught in the North of England today in the first of a series of brewing deals with British regional brewers. Sales in the Midlands start later this month.

Greenall Whitley, the largest regional brewer which is based in the North-west, has been the first to go into partnership with Labatt's to brew the draught lager.

The crucial part of this and other partnership deals projected within two years, will be sales in the brewers' tied pubs.

Building industry optimism at record level, says survey

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Prospects are good for the building industry, the latest state-of-trade inquiry from the Building Employers' Confederation shows.

The results for the final quarter of last year, published today, show that optimism about trading prospects has improved from its record level in the previous quarter.

The 600 member firms of the confederation are enjoying their most active period since the early 1970s, with 67 per cent operating at full or nearly full capacity, 76 per cent expecting to increase their workload over the next year and 50 per cent reporting an increased level of new inquiries for work.

Mr John Parsons, the confederation's president, said: "This is a most encouraging and optimistic report and shows that, overall, 1988 should be another year of positive growth for the building industry."

He added that, while the proportion of firms working at capacity had increased, there were still many firms ready to cope with extra work.

Capacity working in the industry rose from 47 per cent in the first quarter to 67 per cent in the final quarter of last year.

Capacity working in the final quarter ranged from 24 per cent in Liverpool to 91 per cent for the whole of Yorkshire.

Optimism about future workload was at its highest among national contractors — 94 per cent of whom expected a rise — and lowest among companies in Scotland and South Wales.

The proportion of companies reporting serious delays from shortages of workers fell from 23 per cent in the third quarter to 19 per cent in the final quarter — although it was still substantially higher than the 6 per cent at the beginning of last year.

Industry 'may need aid during EEC changes'

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

British manufacturers may need support similar to that in agriculture to help the adjustments needed as the EEC moves towards a market without barriers by 1992.

The point was made at the first of three London seminars looking at British industrial prospects in the EEC market, organized by the Federation of British Electrotechnical and Allied Manufacturers' Associations (Beama), the main trade association for the industrial electrical and electronics industry.

Mr Gordon Gaddes, Beama's director general, suggested such aid might be necessary because of the potential trade-barrier problems raised by technical requirements of different countries.

Technical requirements include regulations, standards, specifications and certification procedures.

The European Commission would try to eliminate technical barriers to trade but it was not a simple issue to be solved by edict or even "consensus" standards, suggested Mr Gaddes.

The enormous power within nations to obstruct could cause delays, so a reasonably long lead-time for transition would be essential. Companies facing damage through changes in standards could be helped to adapt.

Clark urges free trade between EEC and Efta

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Alan Clark, the Trade Minister, will press for the urgent dismantling of barriers to trade between the EEC and the European Free Trading Association when ministers from the two blocs meet in Brussels tomorrow.

The meeting will be the first at which trade and indnstry ministers from the six Efta countries — Austria, Switzerland, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Iceland — have sat round the same table as their EEC counterparts.

They will review progress made since foreign ministers agreed four years ago to seek to establish a genuinely free trade area throughout Western Europe.

Britain and its EEC partners are committed to creating such a market within the 12-nation Community by the end of 1992.

Mr Clark said he would be seeking early action on the barriers that most concerned British industry, including the need for compatible technical standards, more measures to simplify border formalities and rules of origin.

Last year the EEC and Efta, to which Britain belonged before joining the EEC, reached agreement on uniform customs documentation and simpler customs procedures valid throughout Western Europe. These took effect on January 1.



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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Blight on admirable Crichton

Property prices in London continue to rise ever higher, as do champagne sales. But one of the first and least-expected casualties of the October stock market crash has been, it seems, that symbol of wealth and power, the butler. According to Ivor Spencer, who runs the the Ivor Spencer International School for Butler Administrators and Housekeepers in Dulwich, South London, the pinch is definitely being felt. He tells me of one former pupil, who "had a very good position working for one of the new rich, young, successful fellows in the City". But after 11 months at his master's Surrey home, the hapless butler was fired. The master apologized, but said that because of the way business was going he could not afford to keep the house, two expensive cars — and a butler. Now, as some of you may know, butlers do not come cheap. A typical Spencer-trained butler, for example, apparently earns £14,000 a year, and enjoys the benefits of free accommodation, laundry, food and membership of Bupa. He can also expect to be given the keys to a car, for shopping and occasional personal use. In this particular case, the master apparently told the butler that he might also be forced to enrol at Ivor Spencer's school in March, so that he could continue enjoying good food, a car and first-class accommodation. "The butler and I don't know if this is meant to be in jest," Spencer says. Methinks perhaps not.

Moving the goalposts

If your son wants to be a professional footballer, do not despair. Tucked away in the boardroom of Ivory & Sime, the investment trust group which last week announced the reconstruction of three of its trusts, are, I have discovered, two former footballers — finance director David Ross, who once played for Dundee, and Allan Munro, ex-Heart of Midlothian. "We both started off as office boys. Allan was here first and he suggested that I come here as well. That was 20 years ago," says Ross, now 38.

Bread winner

Companies which make donations to political parties could find themselves coming up against the National Health Service lobby. At Ranks Hovis McDougall's annual meeting last week, where the faithful were rewarded with a bag of company goodies, it was revealed that the company had made a £40,000 donation to the Conservative Party. One shareholder then leapt up and suggested that Mrs Thatcher should be told to spend the money on the NHS. Chairman Sir Peter Reynolds' somewhat terse reply was that he could make "no comment on Mrs Thatcher."



"It enables the thrusting, resourceful young dealer to lose that £3 million just a tiny bit quicker"

Money back

It was not only share prices which fell after October 19. Merchant banking fees have, in some quarters, been slashed as well. Defying that age-old principle that bankers are out for every penny they can get, Peter Earl of Iincorp tells me that its advisory fees in the Benlox bid for Storehouse were originally set at £250,000. But at his suggestion they were, he says, reduced to £150,000, solely because of Black Monday.

● Is this what yuppie parents are calling their children these days? An announcment in the births column of a national daily newspaper last week gave details of the recent arrival of "Bubbles", who was described as a being welcomed as a sibling for "Squeak".

Rewards of virtue

It seems old friendships die hard, especially in the City. Blue-blooded broker Cazenove, which resigned from Sears when the retailing giant bid for Freemans, one of its other clients, has, I hear, been reinstated by Sears chairman, Geoffrey Maitland-Smith. Once again joint broker to the company alongside Kleinwort Grieveson — which, in the interim, won the hard fought bid-battle for Sears — Caz is keen to stress that it has in fact resumed its rightful role, as "lead" broker. When confronted with Sears's bid, Caz apparently declared that it would be unable to act for either party on the grounds that there may have been a conflict of interest. While perhaps unfortunate, in hindsight, for Freemans, I wonder how many other firms, faced with the same dilemma, would have chosen such an unprofitable, but honourable, route?

● Through the ages, artists have been known to include themselves in their works of art. Hieronymus Bosch, the 15th century Dutch painter, for example, can be seen peering out of his terrifying paintings depicting the Day of Judgement. It is clearly in this tradition, therefore, that the glossy photographic cover of BZW's annual Equity-Gilt Study, written by market guru, Peter Thompson, shows employees busy about their business on the firm's expansive dealing floor, with only one face turned up towards the camera — that of the author himself.

Carol Leonard

Dover fears Channel tunnel will block privatization

By Colin Narbrough

Dover, the country's leading port in terms of the value of goods handled, favours privatization, but believes the Government, after championing the private sector Channel tunnel project, is in no hurry to put the seaports for Europe on a private footing.

Likeother Channel and North Sea ports which have seen dramatic growth as trade with the EEC countries has gained momentum, Dover fears the Channel tunnel, due to open in spring 1993, will undermine even the most successful and well-run ports' attractiveness as investments.

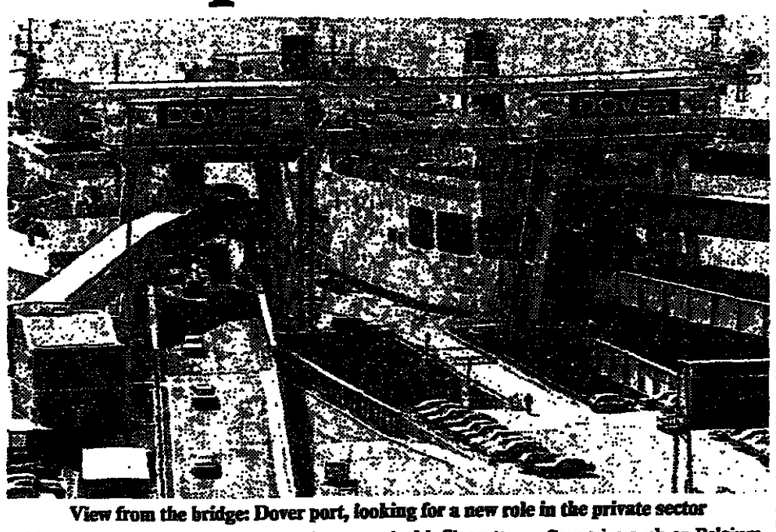
While about 40 per cent of ports are in the private sector, handling 38 per cent of foreign trade, Parliament would have to pass legislation to allow leading non-private ports such as Dover to change their present trust or municipal status to open the way to private ownership.

The Government's surprising lack of enthusiasm for privatization in this sector was confirmed last week when the Department of Employment made clear that, despite lobbying by Tory MPs, it had no plans to end the National Dock Labour Scheme during this Parliament.

The scheme, which guarantees permanent employment to registered dockers in certain ports, would have to be scrapped if the ports involved were to be offered to private investors.

Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, is not, however, completely impervious to some ports' interest in going private, and has asked the industry for its views before the Government decides. But his department emphasizes that Mr Channon has given no commitments on port privatization.

Mr Jonathan Sloggett, managing director of Dover Harbour Board and chairman of the British Ports Association's ports committee, said alternatives had been discussed for taking Dover and other ports in the South-east into the private sector, including management buyouts.



View from the bridge: Dover port, looking for a new role in the private sector

While admitting only to "benevolent neutrality" on privatization for Dover, against a background of uncertainty arising from the Channel tunnel and the peaking of a large investment programme, he recognizes that Dover would be a prime target for privatization. Independent consultants will be looking at the port this year.

Dover Harbour Board's turnover last year was a handsome £33 million. The value of goods passing through the port was £6.4 billion in the third quarter of the last year. It handled 14 million passengers, 2 million cars and 900,000 commercial vehicles. If its trust status were removed there would be considerable scope for new areas of business, such as customs and export clearance systems.

Even with no change in status, the port was being forced by the Channel tunnel to seek a new role, Mr Sloggett said. He fears the fixed link, with strong backing from the French and British governments, will drive down prices for cross-Channel services, dragging the ports with it.

Furthermore, the "unfair" competition from the tunnel only compounded the competitive disadvantage of a non-private port such as Dover, which has less freedom of movement than private ports.

The uncertainty the Channel tunnel brings for the ports industry is also assessed in the National Westminister Bank's latest *Quarterly Review*, in which Dr Michael Asteris, the principal economics lecturer at Portsmouth Polytechnic, studies the issues of competition and trans-shipment.

He concludes British ports remain uncompetitive compared with their European rivals, leading to Britain assuming the role of an offshore island in international shipping. The gap between British and northern European port costs is largely due to relative efficiency and subsidies.

Countries such as Belgium, West Germany and the Netherlands treat their big seaports as focal points of regional development, while the British Government regards the ports as commercial entities, limiting aid to redundancy funds for dockers or helping ports in financial difficulty, Dr Asteris notes. The BPA estimates that port subsidies in the rest of the EEC amount to about £200 million a year.

Dr Asteris accepts that the concentration of deep-sea shipping on ports close to the main EEC markets, such as Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hamburg, with Britain becoming "peripheral," is a logical reading of the "hub and spoke" principle.

But he believes the pivotal role of Heathrow in international airline operations shows that Britain need not restrict its maritime routes to mere feeder services. With a Channel tunnel it would be more appropriate for transshipment to be a two-way process, with Britain providing a landbridge to Europe.

Subsidies in European ports for investment and maintenance (as a percentage of costs)

Country	Maritime access channels		Light, buoys, navigational aids		Sea locks, breakwaters		Docks, quays, reclaimed land	
	Investment	Maintenance	Investment	Maintenance	Investment	Maintenance	Investment	Maintenance
UK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belgium	100	100	up to 100	up to 100	100	up to 100	100	variable
Denmark	0	0	100[1]	100[1]	0	0	0	0
W Germany	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
France	80 to 100	100	60 to 100	100	80 to 100	100	60 to 100	up to 100
Ireland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Italy	up to 100	up to 100	100	100	variable	up to 100	variable	variable
Netherlands	65 to 100	100	variable[2]	variable[2]	variable	variable	variable	variable
Greece	variable	variable	variable	variable	100[3]	100[3]	variable	variable

Notes: [1]Outside ports only [2]100% outside ports [3]Breakwaters only
Source: European Commission

Bankers face Mexico decision

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

British bankers will have anxious talks with the Bank of England this week before deciding, by Friday at the latest, whether to back Mexico's new debt restructuring scheme.

The plan depends on approval by February 5, when general agreement has to be given by more than half the creditor banks before the scheme can go ahead. If agreement is reached the first stage — bids for special discounted bonds — will start on February 19.

Señor Angel Gurria, Mexico's chief debt negotiator, received a lukewarm reception when he came to London to persuade the banks of the plan's merits.

British bankers are none the less almost certain to agree in principle to the Mexico plan, put together by Morgan Guaranty, the US bank and one of the creditors. They regard it as a useful method of reducing the number of smaller banks, such as US regional banks, involved in the debt problem.

But few, if any, are expected to take an active part.

"One or two British banks may go into the scheme, but it is possible that none will," said one London banker. "We are not very enthusiastic."

One problem facing British banks is that the Bank of England has not decided how it would affect them. The scheme involves Mexico issuing up to $10 billion (£5.6 billion) in bonds in return for debt held by banks. The bonds would be issued at a discount to the face value of the debt, based on the secondary market value of the loans. The principal amount of the new Mexican bonds would be backed by US Treasury bonds of the same value, but no such guarantee exists for the interest payments on the bonds.

The question for the banks and their regulators is whether to write down all Mexican loans to the discounted value of the bonds received in exchange for debt. The Bank does not appear to have decided on this point.

But bankers believe it might at least force them to make extra provisions against the bonds they receive from Mexico if they participate. The provisions would be to cover the interest rate risk involved in holding the bonds.

Lloyd's council likely to back US bid for Minet

By Alison Eadie

The ruling council of Lloyd's will decide on Wednesday whether to allow St Paul Companies, the American insurance group, to acquire Minet Holdings, the British insurance company which owns JH Minet, a Lloyd's insurance broker. It is likely the council will agree to the takeover.

If permission is given, it will mark the end of the 26 per cent rule, whereby insurance companies are not allowed to own more than 26 per cent of a Lloyd's broker. It could have a significant impact on the rest of the insurance broking sector, where share prices are in the doldrums.

St Paul's, which has held 26 per cent of Minet for a long time, launched a £400 million agreed bid in December, less than a month after a Lloyd's working party advocated abandonment of the 26 per cent rule.

The working party on the regulation of Lloyd's brokers, chaired by Mr Alan Parry, a deputy chairman of Lloyd's, said that there should be no restriction on the type of business that could be connected through a shareholding to a Lloyd's broker. Reputation and suitability should be the sole criteria.

The consultative document produced by the working party said it was in Lloyd's interests to avoid unnecessary disruption to the insurance industry and to avoid the imposition of uncommercial structural requirements which would militate against the value of being a Lloyd's broker. Comments on the document were due by January 22.

The 26 per cent rule has already been stretched, but not enough to allow control of a Lloyd's broker to pass to an insurance company. Corroon & Black, the American insurer, owns 29.9 per cent of Minet and Transamerica Corporation, the giant American financial services group with insurance operations, owns 39 per cent of Sedgwick, though only 29.9 per cent of the voting shares.

Sedgwick, the largest independent British insurance broker, has long been rumoured as a bid target with Transamerica as the most likely predator. Hogg Robinson Gardner Mountain is seen as the prime bid candidate in the sector by Wood Mackenzie, the broker.

Wood Mackenzie last week issued sell recommendations on Sedgwick and CE Heath. It also cut its 1988 profit forecasts to £50 million for Sedgwick against an estimated £101.5 million last year and an actual £135 million in 1986. CE Heath was cut back to £8 million this year against an estimated £14.5 million last year, unchanged from 1986. A little takeover speculation could lift the sector.

APPOINTMENTS

Former Rank chief takes chair at Nash Industries

Nash Industries: Mr Graham Dowson, the former chief executive of Rank Organisation, has been made non-executive chairman. Mr John Nash, the former chairman and holder of 30 per cent of the company's equity, will remain a director.

CT Bowring: Mr Philip Wroughton will become chairman and chief executive from the end of March. Mr Hamish Ritchie becomes chairman of Bowring UK.

Bowring Aviation: Mr J Duffy, Mr SJ Ogden, Mr T Pountney, Mr DP Reed and Mr EG Richardson are made directors.

Henry Ansbacher Holdings: Mr Olivier Michon is now a director.

Tricity Domestic Appliances: Mr Mike Wood becomes sales director.

Liberty: Mr John Pugh has been made group finance director and company secretary.

Engineering Industry Training Board: Mr Harry Gadd has been appointed director and chief executive.

Radiodetection: Dr Chris Wilson becomes a non-executive director.

Underwoods: Mr Alan Gaynor becomes a director.



Philip Wroughton: new chairman of CT Bowring

Milton Keynes Development Corporation: Mr John Billingham has been appointed director of design and development.

Birmingham Heartlands: Mr Alan Osborne will become a director and chief executive from March 1.

Arthur Young Management Consultants: Dr Charles Fairley has been appointed director of strategic management consulting from March 1.

Jardine Reinsurance Holdings (UK): Mr Simon Sampson is now a director.

Renold Chains: Mr John Pugh has been appointed managing director.

UDT Bank: Mr Gerry Connolly has been made managing director, succeeding Mr John Bourke who remains chairman.

Smith Kline & French Laboratories: Mr Stewart Siddall becomes vice president, United Kingdom group. Dr Robert White becomes vice president, operations and Mr Philip House becomes vice president, finance and planning.

Birchwood Concrete Products: Mr Pat Moore has joined the board as sales and marketing director.

James Capel Unit Trust Management: Mr Jonathan Custance Baker has been appointed managing director.

Landor Associates: Mr Stuart Luxon becomes executive vice president and chief operating officer. Mr Alan Brew becomes managing director, Europe.

AICorp: Mr Ian Bramley has been made managing director.

National Provident Institution: Mr Anthony Garrett is now a non-executive director.

Richards, Longstaff (Insurance Holdings): Mr Colin Fellows, Mr Ernie Corderoy and Mr Ted Baillie have joined the board.

Paribas forges US link

By Michael Tate

Banque Paribas Capital Markets, the broking arm of Banque Paribas, France's biggest investment bank, has linked with Brean Murray, Foster Securities, a Wall Street firm, to set up a North American equities department.

Under a joint agreement, the Americans will supply their US research to BPCM, for distribution to its clients around the world — other than those in North America — through its London and Japanese sales organizations.

The move is intriguing because it shows BPCM expanding its global equity commitment at a time when others are retrenching.

Both Mr Patrick Stevenson, the chief operating officer of BPCM and Mr Brean Murray, chairman of the Wall Street firm, speak of "an excellent fit" between the two companies.

Brean Murray's "idea-driven research" complements BPCM's European research product, they say. Both believe there will opportunities for cross-border corporate finance activity.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 74.3 (day's range 74.2-74.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for January 29

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7695-1.7740	1.7695-1.7705	0.24-0.21pr	0.76-0.71pr
Montrl	2.2581-2.2627	2.2561-2.2592	per-0.14ds	0.09p-0.14ds
Amstrdm	3.3302-3.3360	3.3302-3.3347	1½-⅜pr	4-3¾pr
Brussels	61.84-62.25	61.84-62.14	19-2pr	46-25pr
Copnhgn	11.3516-11.3831	11.3558-11.3799	par-1⅛ds	½-2ds
Dublin	1.1148-1.1186	1.1161-1.1171	11-7pr	34-25pr
Frankft	2.9647-2.9700	2.9657-2.9700	1½-⅝pr	4¾-3½pr
Lisbon	241.18-242.88	241.18-242.20	103-168ds	292-419ds
Madrid	201.06-201.89	201.26-201.75	50-79ds	153-212ds
Milan	2182.85-2189.12	2183.12-2187.36	par-6ds	8-13ds
Oslo	11.2699-11.3137	11.2699-11.2940	4½-5¼ds	15-16¾ds
Paris	9.5909-10.0210	10.0021-10.0210	1⅜-1½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Stckhlm	10.6489-10.6750	10.6489-10.6637	⅝-1⅜ds	1⅝-2¼ds
Tokyo	225.92-226.80	225.97-226.36	1-½pr	2¾-2½pr
Vienna	20.82-20.89	20.85-20.88	7¼-6pr	22¾-20½pr
Zurich	2.4125-2.4203	2.4163-2.4203	1⅜-1¼pr	4¼-3¾pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	9.8165-9.7106
Australia dollar	2.4876-2.4909
Bahrain dinar	0.6675-0.6715
Brazil cruzado*	145.820-146.626
Cyprus pound	0.7950-0.8050
Finland marka	7.19-7.23
Greece drachma	235.25-237.25
Hong Kong dollar	13.7490-13.7576
India rupee	23.07-23.27
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4955-0.4995
Malaysia dollar	4.5206-4.5251
Mexico peso	3900-4000
New Zealand dollar	2.6501-2.6717
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6275-6.6675
Singapore dollar	3.5468-3.5666
S Africa rand (fin)	5.0255-5.1504
S Africa rand (com)	3.5203-3.5295
U A E dirham	6.5025-6.5425

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5850-1.5865	Denmark	6.4175-6.4225
Singapore	2.0050-2.0150	W Germany	1.6755-1.6765
Malaysia	2.5555-2.5565	Switzerland	1.3655-1.3665
Australia	0.7106-0.7111	Netherlands	1.8816-1.8826
Canada	1.2750-1.2760	France	5.6475-5.6525
Sweden	6.0200-6.0250	Japan	127.70-127.80
Norway	6.3700-6.3750	Italy	1234.5-1235.5
		Belgium (Com)	35.01-35.06
		Hong Kong	7.7725-7.7825
		Portugal	136.60-137.10
		Spain	113.65-113.75
		Austria	11.78-11.90

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Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8½ Finance Hse 9
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9 Low 8¾ Weak fixed: 8¾
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — 8$^{11}/_{32}$ 3 mth — 8%
Selling: 2 mth — 8$^{9}/_{32}$ 3 mth — 8$^{9}/_{16}$
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 8¾-8$^{5}/_{16}$ 2 mth: 8¾-8$^{11}/_{32}$ 3 mth: 8$^{13}/_{32}$-8$^{11}/_{32}$
6 mth 8¾-8¼
Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9 2 mth: 9 3 mth: 9$^{1}/_{32}$
6 mth 9¼
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8¾ close 9
1 week: 8¾-8$^{1}/_{16}$ 1 mth: 8¾-8$^{7}/_{16}$ 3 mth: 8$^{13}/_{16}$-8¾
6 mth: 9$^{1}/_{16}$-9 9 mth: 9¼-9⅜ 12 mth: 9⅜-9¼
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8¾ 7 day: 8¾ 1 mth: 8¾
3 mth: 8¾ 6 mth: 8¾ 12 mth: 9⅛
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 8⅝-8¾ 2 mth: 8$^{11}/_{16}$-8$^{7}/_{16}$ 3 mth: 8¾-8⅝
6 mth: 9-9¼ 9 mth: 9¼-9⅜ 12 mth: 9¼-9
Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 8¼-8⅜ 3 mth: 8¾-8⅝ 6 mth: 9-8¾
12 mth: 9¼-9

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 6.90-6.85 3 mth: 7.00-6.95 6 mth: 7.15-7.10
12 mth: 7.80-7.55

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar: Call: 6⅜-5¾	6⅜-6⅛	6⅜-6⅜	6⅜-6¼	7-6⅞
Deutschemark: Call: 3½-2½	3⅝-3	3$^{3}/_{16}$-3$^{1}/_{16}$	3$^{3}/_{16}$-3$^{1}/_{16}$	3⅜-3¼
French Franc: Call: 7¾-6¾	7½-7⅜	7⅝-7½	8⅛-8	8$^{1}/_{16}$-8$^{0}/_{16}$
Swiss Franc: Call: 1½-½	1⅛-½	1⅛-1	1$^{13}/_{16}$-1$^{1}/_{16}$	2⅛-2¼
Yen: Call: 3⅝-2¼	4$^{5}/_{16}$-4$^{1}/_{16}$	4¼-4	4½-4	4¾-4

TREASURY BILLS

Applics: £535.9m — allotted: £100m
Bids: £97.55% — received: 100%
Last week: £97.925% — received: 70%
Avge rate: £8.2125% — last wk: £8.3005%
Next week: £100m — replace £100m

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.50%
Adam & Company	8.50%
BCCI	8.50%
Consolidated Crds	8.50%
Co-operative Bank	8.50%
C. Hoare & Co	8.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.50%
Lloyds Bank	8.50%
Nat Westminster	8.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.50%
TSB	8.50%
Citibank NA	8.50%

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY — **Interims:** Menvier-Swain Group. **Finals:** Bullough, Norsk Data, Shoralplan, Securiguard Group.
TOMORROW — **Interims:** Dolphin Packaging, Hambro Currency Fund, Howard Holdings, Meat Trade Suppliers, Unitech, YRM. **Finals:** Arncliffe.
WEDNESDAY — **Interims:** Aerospace Engineering, Bristol Channel Ship Repairers. **Finals:** Aaronson Bros (expected February 4), Microsystems Group, Union Discount Company.
THURSDAY — **Interims:** CH Bailey, Framlington Group. **Finals:** Bank Leumi (UK).
FRIDAY — **Interims:** Clogau Gold Mines, Kakuzi, Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers (third quarter). **Finals:** Glass Glover Group.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
7,836,000	A & M Gp	13				46.1
19.5m	ASD	273	-3	12.3	4.5	12.9
7,752,000	ATA Selection	65		2.2	3.4	29.5
21.6m	Abbeycrest	185	+5	1.9	1.2	23.9
6,240,000	Aberdeen Sth. Hse	52	-2	1.6e	3.1	..
——	Access Satellite			4.41	..	..
21.2m	Acorn Comp	32	..	..	..	29.9
8,932,000	Acsis Jewellery	86	+5	..	..	34.8
13.7m	Amspring	228	+20	8.5	3.8	12.2
5,668,000	Ald Restaurants	58	..	..	..	..
32.8m	Amer Bus Sys	68	+3	2.2	2.5	38.9
——	Do Wrnts	45	..	..	..	..
10.3m	Antler	178	+28	4.1	2.3	18.4
47.3m	Apg Holographics	330	+5	..	..	..
——	Do Wrnts	325	..	..	..	..
111.6m	Arran Energy	68	+2	..	..	..
30.3m	Ashtead	445	+20	4.1	0.9	38.3
35.8m	Aspen Comms	373	+10	5.5	1.5	23.1
152.7m	Asprey	258	-10	5.8	1.9	16.1
1,523,000	Assoc Energy	52	..	..	..	..
——	Atlantic Sec	78	..	..	..	..
18.1m	Atlas Equipment	225	..	8.0	3.6	18.4
6,731,000	Automeyer	118	..	8.9	7.5	16.0
4,499,000	BBB Design	55	..	2.1	3.8	8.8
12.3m	BCE	44	+2	1.4	3.2	17.7
4,374,000	BTS Gp	95	..	5.8	6.1	16.1
11.4m	Beaverco	175	+5	6.9	3.9	13.9
5,463,000	Bedford (William)	115	..	6.4	5.6	13.8
6,011,000	Bensons Crisps	81	+5	..	..	14.7
8,500,000	Berry Bench & Noble	335	..	5.9	5.0	12.7
4,435,000	Bilson&Berkeley	105	..	2.1	2.0	14.6
4,703,000	Bio Isolates	27	..	..	..	..
7,482,000	Bioscientific	22	-2	..	..	..
5,224,000	Blenheim	76	..	6.3	8.2	12.2
48.4m	Blenheim Exhib	470	+10	5.5	1.2	39.1
24.8m	Bluebird Toys	330	+7	6.3	1.9	19.6
9,093,000	Bonded Laminates	105	+2	3.3	3.1	..
4,695,000	Border TV	315	+5	13	4.1	11.8
51.2m	Bond	104	+5	..	..	..
6,223,000	Brewmaker	35	-1	..	..	74.5
12.0m	Brwlf	225	..	3.5	1.6	14.3
4,885,000	Br Bloodstock	142	..	12.1	8.5	10.3
15.6m	Br Island	97	+1	2.7	3.1	11.8
21.2m	Broad	92	..	2.1	2.3	14.8
46.6m	Brookmount	356	+20	8.1	1.7	19.1
3,908,000	Bryant (Ideal)	153	+4	2.7	1.8	38.2
——	Bula Resources	6	..	..	..	..
20.6m	C&H	170	+10	6.4	0.2	39.3
10.2m	CCA Galleries	102	..	3.8	3.7	14.1
30.0m	CCF	228	-7	3.4	1.5	..
26.2m	CML Micro	118	+2	..	..	..
14.7m	CPL Comm	91	-1	..	..	75.8
——	Caledonian Off	195	+5	..	..	..
8,860,000	Camotech	98	..	2.8	2.9	27.3
5,622,000	Cap & Regional	73	..	0.1	0.1	55.7
158.7m	Carron Phoenix	143	..	..	..	..
5,568,000	Castle Comm	170	+5	5.5	3.2	12.0
33.2m	Chancery Secs	136	-5	5.5	3.9	20.8
12.6m	Chelsea Man	145	..	3.8	2.6	15.2
511,000	Chem Methods	24	-1	3.0	12.5	..
3,445,000	Crier	22	+4	..	..	15.0
16.7m	Clogrove	125	+5	3.4	1.7	21.7
14.1m	Cnynaron	50	+2	..	..	48.1
7,649,000	Cocopans	145	..	2.6	1.8	5.5
13.7m	Clarke Hooper	185	+7	3.7	2.2	18.1
4,886,000	Cogau Gold	28	..	..	..	..
50.4m	Cluff Or Hogs	109	+2½	..	..	..
19.3m	Opsted Electrodes	75	..	5.5	7.3	8.8
21.1m	Cobra Emerald	97	..	..	..	..
3,567,000	Colorgen Inc	38	..	..	..	..
16.8m	Colorgrache	162	..	1.1	1.1	19.1
25.1m	Colourvision	188	+4	2.3	1.2	25.9
11.7m	Co of Designers	110	+2	..	..	..
7,042,000	Comp Financial	173	..	3.4	2.0	18.9
7,120,000	Compsoft	46	..	..	..	7.7
22.0m	Cons Tern Invs	50	+3	..	..	33.6
10.4m	Const Microwave	205	..	3.6	1.8	16.2
40.2m	Cook (DC)	166	-10	3.9	2.3	..
17.5m	Corporate Prop	63	..	0.4	0.6	..
8,085,000	Cowells	110	..	4.1	3.7	14.1
8,815,000	Crampmorn	265	..	4.8	1.8	20.3
6,000,000	Cranbrook	75	..	0.7	0.9	35.0
6,720,000	Crassench	138	+15	7.6	6.3	11.7
5,511,000	Crayon Lodge	96	+3	3.4	3.5	13.4
8,067,000	Creighton Labs	220	..	5.3	2.4	21.0
5,279,000	Crown TV Prods	56	..	..	..	21.2
9,223,000	Dawes (DY)	175	..	5.5	3.1	13.6
9,508,000	Deals & Bowes	137	+1	4.8	3.7	21.8
2,800,000	De Brett (Andre)	35	..	..	..	37.2
14.1m	De Morgan	85	..	2.3	2.7	..
39.9m	Delphi	358	..	7.5	2.1	21.0
3,662,000	Delmar	52	..	3.0	5.8	10.0
5,884,000	Dennards Elec	135	..	5.6	4.1	8.3
51.7m	Dewey Warren	160	..	..	..	8.7
12.6m	Diplomat	75	..	4.1	1.8	15.3
22.7m	Dolphin Packaging	118	..	..	..	..
29.0m	Druck	400	..	7.1	1.8	18.1
9,727,000	Durrion	93	..	0.7	2.1	20.6
8,573,000	Eagle	61	..	4.8	8.0	13.4
6,097,000	Ealing Elect Optics	57	..	3.8	5.2	7.4
14.1m	Econ Forestry	191	..	4.1	4.1	14.2
4,532,000	Edin Oil & Gas	34	..	..	..	65.0
25.7m	Elbridge Pope 'A'	235	..	10.6	3.2	13.7
14.8m	Electron House	135	..	5.6	4.1	75.4
7,714,000	Entertainment Prod	34	..	..	..	10.7
22.5m	Epwin	129	..	5.5	3.5	..
12.3m	Erno Construction	132	..	8.9	5.2	9.0
38.5m	Euphrates Hedge	34	..	..	..	..
8,931,000	F E H Group	98	..	6.5	6.8	17.9
6,557,000	Fairway London	81	..	..	..	..
6,641,000	Feedback	81	..	3.4	4.2	21.6
5,079,000	Ferguson&k	230	..	..	..	1.7
196.5m	Fields (Wm)	132	..	..	..	..
16.4m	Filotex	115	..	3.7	3.2	..
130.7m	Fleetland	78	..	..	..	..
71.4m	Flensha Dennys	76	..	1.4	4.2	7.7
8,896,000	Flextech	74	..	..	..	7.4
34.9m	Floods	200	..	5.0	2.5	11.5
17.7m	Flood Oil	28	..	..	..	12.3
29.8m	Ford Manton	70	..	..	..	..
12.5m	Forward Gp	173	..	3.0	1.7	29.4
52.2m	French Conn	147	..	7.2	4.8	12.7
56.8m	Freshbake	143	..	3.3	2.3	19.6
58.4m	Fuller Smith 'A'	487	..	7.5	1.5	19.6
7,186,000	GC Flooring	76	..	2.7	3.6	14.1
17.5m	Gaelic	128	..	4.5	3.5	11.2
7,451,000	Geo (Cecil)	83	..	1.4	1.7	..
4,800,000	Gibbon Lyons	120	..	5.7	4.8	14.8
11.5m	Gibbs Mew	215	..	5.5	2.6	19.0
2,720,000	Global Gp	68	..	4.1	6.0	9.0
6,191,000	Godwin Warren	126	..	3.9	2.3	16.2
24.3m	Goodhead Print	180	..	5.1	2.5	15.2
11.5m	Graham Motor Gp	116	..	1.7	1.5	..
11.6m	Granyte Surface	83	..	3.5	4.3	12.8
23.5m	Great Southern	247	..	4.8	1.9	18.2
15.0m	Green (Simon)	203	..	6.5	2.7	14.7
2,170,000	Greenwich Cable	31	..	..	..	..
11.7m	Guichouse	60	..	..	..	..
14.9m	Hails Homes	143	..	3.6	2.2	21.8
7,465,000	Hampden Homes	78	..	2.2	2.8	10.8
18.4m	Harmony Leisure	83	-1	0.1	0.2	..
8,400,000	Hatfield Estates	112	+1	2.1	1.9	..
43.0m	Hawthorn Leslie	27½	+1	0.3	1.1	27.5
19.7m	Health Care	91	+13	1.2	1.3	23.0
3,718,000	Heartbeat	715	..	15.6	2.2	21.2
6,966,000	Do 'A' LV	680	-15	15.6	2.4	21.2
5,621,000	Hewetson	98	+5	3.7	3.8	20.6
9,732,000	Hey & Croft	128	+1	5.3	4.1	9.5
28.0m	Highland Part	168	+10	..	..	..
4,872,000	Hilton Engineer	142	..	3.7	6.3	10.2
17.0m	Hobson	50	+3	..	..	54.9
43.0m	Hodgson	243	+12	3.2	1.3	20.8
653.4m	Holmes Protection	118	+3	..	..	..
10.8m	Honeysuckle Gp	120	+2	5.6	4.2	12.6
11.2m	Hornby	140	..	4.4	3.1	14.0
82.6m	Hughes Food	102	+20	0.7	0.7	39.2
8,397,000	Hunsford Elec	28	..	..	..	..
6,182,000	Hurdleigh Tech	78	..	3.4	4.3	9.7
3,888,000	INSTEM	62	+4	3.4	4.1	6.9
——	Image Storage	78	-7	..	..	..
3,840,000	Imsic	24	..	..	..	3.0
3,884,000	Infrafied	59	+17	..	..	..
13.0m	Insurerope Tech	260	..	8.5	3.4	11.2
73.5m	Interlink Express	455	..	8.0	1.8	24.1
17.7m	Israel (Jack L)	21½	+½	0.7	3.2	21.9
32.0m	Jessel Vert	350	+10	9.5	2.7	11.8
2,080,000	Jetsems	13	..	..	..	0.4
9,218,000	Johnson Fry	93	+6	3.4	3.7	11.3
12.6m	Johnstonts Paints	120	-5	6.5	5.4	8.6
9,713,000	JSB Elec	185	..	4.1	2.2	17.8
5,850,000	Just Rubber	95	..	2.1	2.2	13.4
28.1m	Kenyon Secs	323	+35	8.2	2.5	60.6
8,045,000	Kewill Systems	135	+10	2.1	1.6	17.6
9,561,000	Kirk-Yelnik	35	-2	1.8	5.1	11.7
9,102,000	Knobs & Knockers	111	..	1.8	1.4	..
125.4m	Kunick	37	..	..	..	..
4,284,000	LPA Ind	57	..	4.1	6.1	9.9
10.2m	Ladbroke Thomson	150	+10	6.0	4.0	15.0
17.2m	LBMS Plc	142	..	1.4	1.0	..
20.2m	Lawmar	85	..	3.8	4.2	10.2
11.9m	Local Loan Gp	485	+40	10.0	2.1	74.3
7,904,000	Lodge Cave	115	..	2.5	2.8	18.0
9,346,000	Lon & Clydesde	103	-5	7.8	7.6	10.6
10.0m	Lorlin Elecs	180	+20	4.8	3.0	11.7
9,147,000	Lysander Pet	39	+1	..	..	..
3,364,000	M&S & Carry	71	..	4.9	6.9	7.5
12.0m	MMT Comp	115	-5	1.5	1.3	17

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	THORN EMI (ea)	Electricals	
2	Sutcr	Industrials S-Z	
3	Thomson T-Line	Industrials S-Z	
4	Wickes	Drapery,Stores	
5	Linread	Industrials L-R	
6	Wimpey (George)	Building,Roads	
7	Anglia Sec	Building,Roads	
8	Caird (A) &Sons	Property	
9	Fiezello C&W	Industrials E-K	
10	Capital Radio	Leisure	
11	Enotherm	Electricals	
12	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
13	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
14	Addison Conn	Paper,Print,Adv	
15	Alexandra W'wear	Industrials A-D	
16	Croda	Chemicals,Plas	
17	Electronic Rentals	Electricals	
18	Gr Portland	Property	
19	Mining & Alld	Industrials L-R	
20	Fisons (ea)	Industrials E-K	
21	Roberoid	Building,Roads	
22	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials E-K	
23	SI	Industrials S-Z	
24	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
25	Stakis	Hotels,Caterers	
26	Morrison (W)	Foods	
27	Hoskyns Gp	Electricals	
28	Metal Box (ea)	Industrials L-R	
29	Gordon Russell	Industrials E-K	
30	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
31	Delta	Industrials A-D	
32	Trusthouse Ft (ea)	Hotels,Caterers	
33	Yale & Valor	Industrials S-Z	
34	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
35	ERF	Motors,Aircraft	
36	Dominion Int	Industrials A-D	
37	Owners Abroad	Leisure	
38	Low & Bonar	Industrials L-R	
39	Leslie Wise Gp	Drapery,Stores	
40	Hartwell Plc	Motors,Aircraft	
41	Bassett Foods	Foods	
42	Wilson Bowden	Building,Roads	
43	Bauro	Industrials A-D	
44	Warner Howard	Industrials S-Z	

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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Int accy yield%	Gross red yield%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1450m	Exch	10½%	1988	100⅛	..	10.5
1150m	Treas	13¾%	1988	100¼	..	9.7
1200m	Treas	3%	1978-88	99⅞	..	3.0
2057m	Treas	9¾%	1989	100¼	..	9.6
2500m	Treas	11¼%	1989	102⅝	+⅛	11.2
1450m	Treas	15½%	1989	101⅞	+⅛	10.3
2429m	Exch	10%	1989	101¼	..	9.9
1241m	Exch	10¼%	1989	103⅜	..	9.9
2053m	Exch	11%	1989	102⅝	..	10.7
577m	Treas	9%	1990-92	99⅝	..	9.2
1157m	Treas	13¼%	1990	107⅜	..	9.4
478m	Treas	9%	1990	100⅝	..	..
1077m	Treas	9%	1990	100⅝	..	12.1
1449m	Exch	11¾%	1990	105⅝	..	10.8
1338m	Exch	12¼%	1990	106⅝	..	11.7
504m	Treas	9¾%	1990	101⅛	..	9.3
1000m	Treas	8¼%	1990-92	97⅜	..	9.4
1925m	Treas	10%	1990	102	..	9.8
448m	Exch	2½%	1990	89½	..	2.8
1037m	Treas	C10½%	1991	103⅝	..	9.6
2345m	Treas	11¾%	1991	107⅛	..	11.0
357m	Conv	5¼%	1991-01	91½	..	7.3
1641m	Exch	11%	1991	105⅛	..	10.4
354m	Treas	9%	1991	99⅝	..	9.4
	Treas	9%	1991	99⅝	..	9.4
1006m	Treas	12¾%	1992	114⅛	..	11.4
1335m	Treas	10%	1992	103⅛	..	9.7
1352m	Treas	C10½%	1992	104⅝	..	10.0
428m	Treas	9%	1992	99⅛	..	9.5
1349m	Treas	9%	1992	99⅛	..	9.1
1501m	Exch	12¼%	1992	111⅝	..	11.0
2039m	Exch	13½%	1992	115⅝	..	11.7

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1998m	Treas	10%	1993	103⅛	+⅛	9.7
1250m	Treas	12¼%	1993	113⅜	+⅛	11.0
644m	Fund	9%	1993	90⅝	+⅛	9.6
1482m	Treas	15¾%	1993	119⅝	+⅛	11.5
1425m	Treas	13¾%	1994	117⅛	+⅛	11.4
1778m	Exch	12¼%	1994	114⅝	+⅛	10.9
1308m	Exch	13½%	1994	116⅝	+⅛	11.4
1581m	Treas	9%	1994	89⅝	+⅛	9.1
1452m	Treas	10%	1995	101⅝	+⅛	9.7
2547m	Treas	12%	1995	112⅝	+⅛	10.7
175m	Gas	3%	1990-95	89	+⅛	3.7
2135m	Exch	10¼%	1995	101⅝	+⅛	9.8
1178m	Treas	13¾%	1995	117⅝	+⅛	10.8
1115m	Treas	14%	1996	123¾	+⅛	11.3
742m	Treas	9%	1996-98	89	+⅛	9.1
1775m	Treas	15¼%	1996	131½	+⅛	11.6
982m	Exch	10¾%	1997	101	+⅛	10.5
34m	Ridmpt	3%	1995	89⅝	+⅛	3.5
1143m	Conv	10%	1996	103	+⅛	9.7
	Treas	8%	1997	94⅝	+⅛	8.9
1826m	Treas	13¾%	1997	121⅞	+⅛	11.3
3284m	Exch	10½%	1997	105⅛	+⅛	9.9
2542m	Treas	8¼%	1997	96⅛	+⅛	9.1
1393m	Exch	15%	1997	139⅝	+⅛	11.3
85m	Treas	9¼%	1998-08	85	+⅛	7.9
2888m	Exch	9¼%	1998	101⅛	+⅛	9.8
1514m	Treas	15¼%	1998	137⅝	+⅛	11.3
2906m	Exch	12%	1998	116⅛	+⅛	10.5
1117m	Treas	9½%	1998	101⅛	+⅛	9.4
3422m	Exch	12¼%	1998	118	+⅛	10.4
1337m	Treas	10½%	1998	106⅝	+⅛	9.9
1638m	Conv	10½%	1998	105⅝	+⅛	9.7
	Treas	9%	1999	94⅝	+⅛	9.0
2257m	Treas	13%	2000	124	+⅛	10.5
1370m	Conv	9%	2000	97⅝	+⅛	9.2
1684m	Treas	10%	2001	104⅝	+⅛	9.6
822m	Conv	9¼%	2001	96⅝	+⅛	9.5
1391m	Treas	14%	1998-01	127⅛	+⅛	11.0
1266m	Exch	9%	2002	97⅜	+⅛	9.2
2436m	Conv	10%	2002	104⅝	+⅛	9.6
1545m	Exch	12%	2002	118⅜	+⅛	10.2
1432m	Treas	9¾%	2002	102⅝	+⅛	9.5

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1050m	Treas	10%	2003	105	+⅛	9.5
2315m	Treas	13¼%	2000-03	126⅝	+⅛	10.7
2174m	Treas	11¼%	2001-04	114⅝	+⅛	10.9
947m	Treas	10%	2004	105⅞	+⅛	9.5
255m	Fund	3½%	1999-04	59⅛	+⅛	6.1
1381m	Conv	9½%	2004	101⅝	+⅛	9.4
1708m	Conv	9½%	2005	101½	+⅛	9.4
1112m	Conv	10½%	2005	107⅝	+⅛	9.5
2752m	Treas	12¾%	2003-05	125⅞	+⅛	10.9
1504m	Treas	9%	2008-12	89⅝	+⅛	9.3
354m	Conv	9%	2006	109¼	+⅛	9.4
3232m	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	124⅝	+⅛	10.1
1872m	Treas	13½%	2004-08	139⅝	+⅛	10.1
982m	Treas	9%	2008	99⅝	+⅛	9.1
787m	Treas	8%	2008 A	89⅝	+⅛	8.9
691m	Treas	8%	2009	89⅝	+⅛	8.9
882m	Conv	9%	2011	99⅝	+⅛	9.0
691m	Treas	5¼%	2008-12	63⅝	+⅛	8.3
686m	Treas	7¼%	2012	89⅝	+⅛	8.1
1289m	Exch	12%	2013-17	129⅝	+⅛	9.3

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158m	Consols	4%		48⅝	+⅛	8.2
741m	War Ln	3½%		55⅝	+⅛	6.3
75m	Conv	3½%		39⅝	+⅛	8.9
18m	Treas	5%		82⅝	+⅛	6.1
75m	Consols	2½%		27⅝	+⅛	9.1
130m	Treas	2½%		27⅝	+⅛	9.1

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1341m	Treas IL	2%	1988	134⅞	..	2.0
593m	Treas IL	2%	1990	116⅝	+⅛	2.1
497m	Treas IL	2%	1992	109⅝	+⅛	2.1
1264m	Treas IL	2%	1996	109⅝	+⅛	2.2
977m	Treas IL	2½%	2001	107⅞	+⅛	2.3
843m	Treas IL	2½%	2003	105⅝	+⅛	2.4
1170m	Treas IL	2%	2008	105⅝	+⅛	2.2
946m	Treas IL	2½%	2009	105⅝	+⅛	2.3
1165m	Treas IL	2½%	2011	105⅝	+⅛	2.3
88m	Treas IL	2½%	2013	95⅝	+1⅛	2.3
1491m	Treas IL	2½%	2016	93⅝	+1⅛	2.4
1187m	Treas IL	2½%	2020	91⅛	+1⅛	2.4
540m	Treas IL	2½%	2024	77⅞	+1	2.4

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
498.5m	Allied Irish	220	+10	9.0	4.1	6.3
96.5m	Anzbacner (Aust)	66	-1	2.7e	4.0	20.0
756.5m	Aus New Z	141	+5	..	..	..
788.6m	Bankamerica	144	..	..	..	..
355.5m	Bank of Ireland	220	+10	17.0b	7.7	..
5980.0m	Bank Leumi Israel	215	..	..	..	..
22.2m	Bank Leumi UK	350	..	17.0	4.9	11.2
711.8m	Bank Of Scotland	360	+2	28.4	4.1	10.4
15.6m	Bank Of Wales	65	..	9.5	5.1	12.3
3,549.5m	Barclays (ea)	465	-12	30.1	6.2	5.4
17.1m	Barclays Int	52	+1	2.1	5.8	14.0
67.6m	Brown Shipley	430	..	14.0	3.2	12.5
9,702.000	Bus Mortgage	58	-1	1.4	2.4	12.5
65.4m	Cater Allen	345	-4	27.6	8.0	11.5
38.5m	Cayzers	310	..	3.1	4.9	13.5
695.2m	Charter Mastpetrol	210	..	13b	11.6	..
3,567.5m	Citicorp	211½	..	20b	16.4	..
64.4m	Close Bros	175	..	6.0	3.4	21.7
1,100.5m	Commerzbank	228½	-½	6.0	0.7	..
2,525.6m	Deutsche Bank	321	-7½	16b	5.0	..
7,883.000	Equity & Gen	92	..	12.5	4.9	12.8
338.6m	First Nat Finance	230	..	12.0	5.0	10.1
277.6m	GPG	85	..	..	..	..
118.2m	Gerrard Nat	210	..	20.3	7.4	9.9
230.2m	Hambros	435	..	12.1	4.3	10.5
2,233.0m	Hill, Brassphal	238	-1	3.5b	6.3	..
23.0m	Joseph (Leopold)	430	+5	..	11.6	10.2
23.8m	King & Shaxson	215	..	12.0	7.8	15.2
451.5m	Kleinwort Benson	345	..	18.5	5.4	7.0
2,045.5m	Lloyds Bnk	230	..	17.0	6.7	4.3
29.7m	Lon Scot Bk	215	..	9.0	4.2	9.4
2,268.9m	Midland (ea)	412	+3	27.8	6.7	7.3
433.7m	Morgan Grenfell	378	+4	14.8	3.9	7.9
1,478.5m	Nat Asst Bk	310	+2	..	..	..
4,578.7m	Nat West (ea)	460	..	28.0	6.0	6.1
84.2m	Obbcom	215½	-½	6.0	2.8	23.3
176.8m	Provident	268	..	18.5	6.9	8.1
43.5m	Rea Bros	215	+17	9.0	4.2	21.2
498.3m	Rothschild (J) Hld	162	..	8.2	5.1	6.1

BREWERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
2,615.4m	Allied-Lyons (ea)	351	+7	16.2	4.6	10.4
2,668.4m	Bass (ea)	800	+7	28.8	3.4	12.9
80.0m	Bathavern	46	+2	1.3	2.8	18.5
141.9m	Boddington	134	+6	3.1	3.3	16.8
176.2m	Brown (Matthew)	735	..	18.2b	2.5	23.3
28.4m	Buckleys	167	..	4.4	2.4	57.7
77.2m	Bulmer (H P)	148	..	6.5	4.4	9.5
29.7m	Burnswood Amer	143	+2	4.0	2.8	19.8
31.2m	Clark (Matthew)	350	..	13.7	3.9	12.0
114.8m	Dewhirst (JA)	313	..	4.1	1.3	17.7
239.0m	Drinkwise Wolsey	165	+2	8.2	4.9	14.4
207.2m	Greene King	484	+4	18.0	3.7	15.4
2,438.5m	Guinness (ea)	283	+7	12.5	4.3	10.5
28.6m	Hardys & Hansons	687	+10	22.5	3.2	14.2
107.4m	Highland Dist	57	..	2.5	4.4	15.8
48.9m	Invergordon Dist	210	+15	7.5	3.6	13.9
108.5m	Irish Dist	175	..	8.5	4.9	12.5
169.9m	Matthew Thompson	116	..	5.0	4.3	8.2
38.8m	Morland	470	+5	10.5	2.2	15.6
660.1m	SA Breweries	328	..	20.4	6.2	11.6
258.4m	Scot & Nwc (ea)	278	+15	11.3	5.3	12.2
246.5m	Tetley (Jos)	230	+15	9.0	3.9	16.0
1,218.5m	Whitbread 'A' (ea)	394	+9	12.5	3.2	13.4
51.9m	Do 'B'	293	..	12.5	4.3	13.2
185.4m	Wolverhmpt Inv	290	+5	11.5	3.9	24.2
248.5m	Wolverhmpton & D	375	+11	8.0	2.1	25.1
10.4m	Young 'A'	365	..	12.5	3.4	23.0

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
78.6m	Abbey	288	..	..	..	..
26.4m	Amec	342	+14	19b	4.9	10.1
677.9m	Anglia Sec	411	+9	27	6.6	23.2
55.1m	Anglo Ind	45	..	14	3.1	53.3
5,750.000	Ancillite	115	-3	3.9	3.3	27.0
152.9m	Attwoods	285	..	9.5	3.3	23.8
1,095.6m	BPB Ind (ea)	288	+18	8.2	2.8	12.1
54.0m	Baggeridge Brick	270	+3	4.5	1.7	12.1
2,919.000	Bailey (Geo) Constr	75	+3	7.0	2.1	19.5
338.7m	Barrat Devs	195	..	10.5	5.4	12.5
60.4m	Beazley	229	+4	11.0	4.8	11.5
30.4m	Bellwinch	90	..	4.5	5.0	8.8
100.0m	Berkeley Gp	260	+6	3.6	1.4	16.8
13.8m	Bett Bros	92	..	4.0	4.3	15.2
41.4m	Blockleys	345	..	7.4	2.1	28.6
1,139.9m	Blue Circle (ea)	441	+5	18.5	4.2	11.9
22.2m	Bradstock PLC	152	+2	6.5	4.3	..
24.8m	Br Dredging	144	+14	6.0	4.2	25.1
14.6m	Brown & Jackson	48	..	..	..	..
276.3m	Bryant	138	..	3.2	2.8	16.2
22.2m	Bunzl & Hellern	145	..	..	..	1.5
325.1m	CRH	115	..	..	..	..
5,886.000	Calodbread Robey	112	..	..	..	..
155.6m	Cleadon	230	+10	10.5	3.6	17.9
57.6m	Clerkin Charles	113	-2	4.1	3.2	12.2
17.2m	Condor Gp	210	+2	3.0	2.3	20.7
8,007.000	Copson PLC	138	..	2.4	1.7	78.4
497.1m	Costain	289	-5	12.2	4.4	10.2
97.1m	Countryside	281	+6	10.5	3.8	11.5
150.0m	Cmst Nicholson	291	+4	7.5b	2.6	15.2
8,230.000	Crosby James	75	..	2.4	3.2	..
41.7m	Douglas (FIM)	275	+1	4.1b	1.5	21.6
20.1m	Do 'B'	85	..	2.0	2.3	19.5
17.7m	Fadeasted Hag	197	..	8.0	4.0	13.9
16.1m	Finlan Gp	88	..	5.5	6.7	13.0
42.0m	Galliford	97	+1	3.7	3.8	14.3
3,850.000	Gallow & Dandy Ord	257	..	12.0	4.7	10.2
43.5m	Gleeson (M.J)	90	+2	9.1	2.1	10.4
28.3m	Hanson Ind	240	-2	6.1	2.5	14.6
74.7m	Henderson	218	..	8.2	3.4	14.8
119.6m	Heywood Williams	255	..	4.9	1.9	14.6
105.5m	Higgs & Hill	314	+1	10.5	3.4	15.9
15.8m	Howard Ridge	83	..	1.7	2.7	11.5
347.6m	Ibstock Johnsen	777	+1	8.0	4.5	18.3
9,792.000	Jarvis (J) & Sons	230	..	..	..	..
130.5m	Laing (J)	295	+20	8.2	2.8	9.9
134.8m	Do 'A'	295	..	8.2	2.8	8.9
50.2m	Lawrence (Walter)	117	..	5.8	5.0	11.4
34.0m	Lilley (FCK)	42½	..	..	..	5.5
127.4m	Lovell (Y.J)	225	..	6.9	3.1	11.1
426.1m	Magnet (ea)	233	+15	8.0	3.7	14.9
44.4m	Maiden	300	+5	14.5	4.8	15.9
419.0m	Manley	198	+10	9.0	4.5	12.9
101.3m	Marshalls (Halifax)	245	..	8.9	3.6	16.7
19.4m	Maunders (J)	98	..	2.5	2.6	13.0
173.2m	Mcalpine (Alfred)	504	+20	20.4	4.0	11.6
226.4m	McCarthy & S	471	-8	20.5	4.4	12.0
341.8m	Meyer Int	332	+1	9.9	2.5	11.5
4,980.000	Miller (Stanley)	88	..	1.7	2.0	58.0
302.7m	Mowlem (John)	397	..	12.1	3.3	11.5
114.5m	Newman Tonks	183	..	10.5	5.8	13.8
97.3m	Persimmon	139	..	2.5	1.8	20.1
12.2m	Phoenix Timber	78	..	3.4	3.9	10.5
7,540.000	RMC Gp	445	..	13.5	3.0	14.6
348.3m	RMC Gp (ea)	445	..	13.4	3.0	14.6
118.1m	Raine Ind	93	..	2.0	2.2	18.9
1,157.1m	Redland (ea)	438	-5	18.7	4.3	12.1
61.7m	Ruberoid	340	..	12.5	3.7	15.0
343.1m	Rugby Group	345	..	10.5	4.4	15.5
108.5m	Sandell Perkins	347	..	6.3	2.8	16.1
36.1m	Sharpe & Fisher	182	+5	4.5	2.5	18.0
12.0m	Smart (J)	120	..	7.2	6.0	17.9
404.5m	Sheetley	355	-4	11.2	3.2	13.9
1,889.7m	Tarmac (ea)	238	+5	8.7	3.6	15.1
600.0m	Taylor Woodrow	288	+24	13.4	3.4	12.8
57.0m	Tilbury Group	295	+8	9.5	3.2	13.7
115.5m	Travis & Arnold	275	..	7.7	2.8	15.0
7,575.000	Tarmac	116	+1	13.5	5.0	22.3
17.2m	Tomlit	270	..	13.5	5.0	22.3
43.2m	Viborgplant	268	+3	17.1	2.7	21.0
34.5m	Wadkin Group	155	..	4.0	2.6	15.2
87.3m	Ward Hidge	195	-1	2.9	1.7	16.1
6,542.000	Warrington	115	..	..	..	13.2
50.6m	Wates Bates	275	..	7.8	2.8	15.3
74.5m	Westerbury	181	..	6.5	3.6	17.3
27.6m	Wiggins	178	+12	7.1	4.0	14.1
120.0m	Wilson Bowden	180	+3	4.7	2.6	..
278.9m	Wilson (Connolly)	317	+3	4.1	1.3	18.6
728.8m	Wimpey (George)	282	+4	7.9	2.1	14.0
14.6m	YRM	122	..	..	..	13.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
320.4m	Allied Colloids	128	+5	2.8	2.2	17.4
241.4m	Amershem	472	+15	11.8	2.5	19.2
25.8m	Anchor Chemical	638	..	6.9	1.1	25.8
89.0m	BTP	148	..	7.9	5.8	15.2
4,483.2m	Beecham DM50	370	-9	17.0	4.6	..
55.5m	Blagden	182	+1	10.1	5.5	18.3
78.7m	Brent Cheme	143	+2	6.4b	4.5	14.5
92.5m	Canning (W)	181	+6	4.6	2.5	17.0
333.5m	Coalite	310	-1	12.5	4.0	10.2
65.3m	Coates Bros	380	+14	10.6	2.8	19.4
82.2m	Do 'A'	350	+25	10.6	3.0	17.9
4,043.000	Cory (Horace)	22	+1	1.0	4.5	28.2
240.6m	Croda	240	+6	11.5	4.8	17.0
21.3m	Do Dfd	232	+6	..	..	18.6
80.8m	Ellis & Everard	171	-1	8.7	5.1	13.3
80.0m	Evode	158	-1	8.0	5.1	12.7
183.7m	Fisons-Minop	358	+3	13.4	3.7	14.4
35.1m	Halsead (James)	245	..	8.9	3.6	11.0
139.4m	Hickson	182	-7	5.7	3.1	19.9
4,068.7m	Hoechst DM50	270½	-1½	..	..	..
7,113.2m	Imp Chem Ind (ea)	1174	..	82.1	7.0	11.3
582.3m	Laporte (ea)	410	+13	14.9	3.6	13.6
34.2m	Leigh	188	+3	6.3	3.4	28.1
1,187.4m	Norsk Hydro	213½	..	0.3	..	..
80.0m	Plysu	90	+1	2.7	3.0	19.4
22.1m	Rentrokit Hldgs	295	..	5.8	2.0	25.3
357.4m	Rensold	186	..	4.1	2.2	19.3
50.1m	Sequa	238	+3	..	..	..
22.2m	Sutcliffe Speakman	258	..	7.5	2.9	22.3
15.9m	Wolstenholme Rink	270	-5	14.0	5.2	9.8
48.1m	Yorkshire Chem	268	+4	7.5	2.8	16.2
104.3m	Yula Cesio	122	-3	4.1b	3.4	17.5

CINEMAS, TV

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
69.8m	Anglia TV 'A'	485	-3	19.9	4.9	8.9
139.8m	Carlton TV	525	+11	24.7	4.7	14.1
6,097.000	Grampian	47	+2	9.2	6.6	8.0
56.8m	HTV Group	288	..	15.4	5.0	7.9
123.8m	LWT Hldgs	145	+1	8.0	4.1	9.3
43.2m	Scot TV	347	+15	21.0	6.2	8.2
120.2m	TVS	347	..	17.1	4.9	9.3
15.2m	TSW	71	..	3.7	5.2	10.5
1772.2m	Thames TV	289	-1	17.0	4.5	11.1
186.9m	M-AM	181	..	4.4	..	4.4
69.0m	Tyne Tees TV	550	+3	30.0	5.8	10.7
8,798.000	Ulster TV	30	+2	5.1	5.7	8.2
76.7m	Yorkshire TV	291	-2	11.0	4.8	8.5

DRAPERY, STORES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
74.6m	Alexon	380	+10	8.9	2.5	13.9
9,464.000	Amber Day	47	+1	2.7	..	..
22.2m	Arguscotton 'A'	97	..	4.0	4.1	20.0
261.4m	Ashley (Laura)	131	..	3.7	2.8	19.9
59.4m	Beattie (James) 'A'	131	..	4.7	3.6	14.6
70.2m	Bentalls	287	..	5.7	2.0	31.2
69.6m	Blacks Leis	204	..	..	..	..
192.7m	Body Shop	540	+35	0.4	0.1	93.5
10.0m	Brasnor	245	..	4.0	1.6	54.2
19.6m	Brown (N)	365	..	10.5	2.9	..
1,255.2m	Burton (ea)	183	+5	9.9	4.1	12.1
71.7m	Clarkns 'A'	78	+5	3.4	2.6	18.6
14.6m	Coaleat plc	78	..	3.5	4.6	9.2
59.5m	Church	255	-10	10.5	4.2	11.9
1,327.7m	Coats Viyella (ea)	203	-10	7.1	4.5	17.0
30.3m	Coats (Furn) 'A'	162	..	7.1	4.5	17.0
29.2m	DAKS Simpson 'A'	435	..	11.8	2.7	9.2
47.7m	Dawsons (J)	82	-4	1.4	1.7	17.4
748.1m	Dixons Gp (ea)	244	..	14	5.8	10.1
279.8m	Dunns	165	..	2.5	1.7	4.4
52.9m	ERA Gp	88	..	2.1	2.2	..
19.2m	Ellis & Goldstein	68	-3	2.6	3.5	6.4
7,500.000	Dye (Wimbledon)	23	..	1.0	4.3	24.3
66.4m	Empire Stores	280	..	3.0	1.1	14.8
180.9m	Etam	277	-5	6.6	2.5	16.3
173.5m	Fine Art Dev	224	..	10.0	4.1	17.5
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480.0m	Freemans	313	..	7.5	2.4	17.4
20.5m	Gent SR	128	-5	1.4	1.1	24.7
56.5m	Goldberg (A)	185	-5	8.7	3.6	17.8
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PREP & PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FRENSHAM HEIGHTS SCHOOL
Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey

Headmaster: Alan Pattinson, M.A.

This co-educational H.M.C. boarding and day school of 270 pupils aged 11 to 18 will be examining candidates requiring entry in September as follows:

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
Saturday, March 5th for candidates aged 11 and 12 on entry.

FRENSHAM HEIGHTS COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
Saturday, March 12th for candidates aged 13 and 14 on entry.

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS' DAY
Friday, February 19th at 1.30 pm.

Candidates should be able to furnish evidence of good standards of work, effort and behaviour in their present schools, in their examination papers and in recent reports.

Frensham Heights has a staff-pupil ratio of 1:8, a good academic record and a conviction that the quality of a school is determined by its human relationships. There is no religious affiliation but there is a philosophy which emphasises self-knowledge and the fullest possible development of personality. The headmaster explains this philosophy on Prospective Parents' Days.

For prospectus and confirmation of attendance on the Prospective Parents' Day, please contact Headmaster's Secretary, Sue Rickard on (025125) 2134.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL
Required for September 1988

HEAD OF MATHEMATICS

and also assistant teachers of

CLASSICS, PHYSICS,

and

PHYSICS/CHEMISTRY

Further details can be obtained from the **High Master, St. Paul's School, Lonsdale Road, London SW13 9JT, telephone 01-748 9162,** to whom applications (with names of two referees) should be sent as soon as possible.

St. Paul's has its own salary scale, which is substantially above the national scale. Help with accommodation may be available if necessary.

For children of established members of staff, free education is available at St. Paul's School, Colet Court and St. Paul's Girls' School.

CHURCHER'S COLLEGE
Founded 1722
Petersfield, Hampshire

H.M.C. INDEPENDENT DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS (11-18 480 Pupils)
Going fully co-educational from September 1988.
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION will be held on Saturday 13th February 1988
individual assessments may be arranged by appointment
BOARDING APPLICATIONS are now being accepted for Girls at 11+ & 16+ and Boys at all ages.
Excellent road and rail network to London, Heathrow/Gatwick airports.
Please telephone for a copy of the prospectus and details of Assisted Places.
Petersfield (07730) 63033/63113



QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S SCHOOL
Harrogate North Yorkshire
A School of the Woodard Corporation
Founded 1912

HEAD

The Northern Chapter of the Woodard Corporation invites applications from well-experienced graduates who are practising communicants of the Church of England for the above post from September 1988 or January 1989. Joint applications will be considered.

The School is an independent boarding school for girls aged 8 - 18, and occupies purpose-built premises on a commanding site at Harrogate. There are presently 200 pupils in the School.

Full details of the School and form of application are available from the under-signed to whom completed applications should be forwarded before 25th February 1988.

Queen Ethelburga's School, Harrogate, HG3 2SG
R H INGLE, Secretary and Registrar
Tel. (0423) 503548

RENDCOMB COLLEGE
HMC Boarding School in the Cotswolds
Requires in September, 1988 a

HEAD OF BIOLOGY

To take over a successful department and teach throughout this school of 250 with boys 11-18 and girls in the 6th Form. A £1 million plus development is in progresss to further improve excellent facilities. Accommodation available.

Applications should be addressed to the Headmaster, John Tolputt MA., and include a CV and the names and addresses of two referees. Further details may be obtained from the Headmaster's Secretary, Rendcomb College, Cirencester, Glos GI7 7HA. Tel: 028 583 213.

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL
Brentwood, Essex CM15 8RS
Independent, 850 pupils H.M.C.
(Girl's Section Opens September 1988)
Requires Graduate to teach:

HISTORY	September, 1988
CLASSICS	September, 1988
FRENCH OR FRENCH AND ENGLISH	September, 1988
PHYSICAL ED. WITH GEOGRAPHY	September, 1988
and A CHAPLAIN	April or September 1988

Further details, available from the Headmaster. Applications together with c.v. and names and addresses of two referees. Further particulars will be sent to all applicants.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE
43-49 Harley Street, London, W1N 2BT.
Independent Girl's Day School (120 in VI Form)

There will be a vacancy in September 1988 for a well qualified graduate in Mathematics to join a lively department of four and to teach throughout the School. This post is a full-time post but a part-time post might also be available.

Applications with a full curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees should be sent immediately to the Principal.

CHURCHER'S COLLEGE
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Petersfield, Hampshire

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TONBRIDGE SCHOOL
Kent
SEPTEMBER 1988

Applications are invited for September 1988 from appropriately qualified candidates for the following posts

ART - POTTER-in-RESIDENCE

to teach ceramics to pupils from 13 to 18. The post will offer the opportunity to use the School pottery for the pursuit of the candidate's own professional work. Particular attention will be given to candidates with experience of theatre design and set building, and an interest in three-dimensional work.

BUSINESS STUDIES/ECONOMICS

to teach Business Studies and some Economics to A Level in a large department. It is hoped to appoint a candidate with business as well as teaching experience in order to further the School's extensive industrial and business links.

CRICKET

to be responsible for the direction of every aspect of the programme of a major cricketing School. Preference will be given to candidates with an appropriate cricket record and offering one of English, History or Business Studies/Economics as their teaching subject.

Tonbridge School is an independent HMC boarding/day school for 650 boys from 13 - 18. In all these posts, ability to contribute to other *extra-curricular activities and* boarding school life will be an added recommendation.

Salary on the Tonbridge Scale with the possibility of *accommodation for married or unmarried applicants.*

Applications with a full curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees as soon as possible to The *Headmaster, Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1JP*

FOREST SCHOOL
EPPING FOREST AREA

HMC SENIOR SCHOOL - 450 BOYS (13-18)
IAPS JUNIOR SCHOOL - 360 BOYS (7-13)
GIRLS SCHOOL - 300 GIRLS (11-18)

CHAPLAIN & HEAD OF R.E.

For September 1988 - this could be either a joint post or separate appointments. Applications are therefore welcome both from ordained and lay persons.

- ★ ANGLICAN FOUNDATION WHICH ADMITS PUPILS OF ALL FAITHS - MAINLY DAY WITH SOME BOARDING
- ★ THE CHAPLAINCY IS A CENTRAL POST SERVING ALL THREE SCHOOLS
- ★ HEAD OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT - A SUCCESSFUL DEPARTMENT WITH FOUR TEACHERS
- ★ SALARY - ENHANCED BAKER & OUTER LONDON AND FOREST ALLOWANCES: SUBSTANTIAL *STAFF FEE REMISSION*
- ★ ASSISTANCE WITH ACCOMMODATION

Apply with C.V. and names and addresses of two referees to the Warden, Forest School, Near Snaresbrook, London E17 3PY (Tel: 01-520 1744) from whom further particulars can be obtained.

ST. PAUL'S GIRLS' SCHOOL
Brook Green, London W6 7BS

Required from September 1988

GOOD HONOURS GRADUATE IN MATHEMATICS

to share in the teaching of the subject throughout the School in a large and flourishing department. Over half the girls in the Sixth Form study 'A' Level Mathematics with a large group taking Further Mathematics.

Applications in writing should be addressed to the High Mistress, giving full curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees.

UPPER CHINE SCHOOL
(Independent Boarding School for Girls)
SHANKLIN, ISLE OF WIGHT

HEADSHIP

The Governors of Upper Chine School invite applications for this position which will become vacant in January, 1989, following the retirement of the Headmistress, Miss B.A. Philpott, B.Sc.
Applications should be received by Saturday, 27th February, 1988.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs. M.A. Giles, Frogwell, Calbourne, Isle of Wight, PO30 4JL.

MALVERN COLLEGE
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Required for September 1988 an energetic and versatile musician to lead a strong and well established department with an excellent tradition of music making. Music Scholarships attract pupils of a very high calibre *and the wide range of musical activities is of a very* high standard. The Department has very close links with the town's Festival Chorus.

The successful candidate must be willing and able to play a full part in the life of a boarding community. *Salary above Baker. Accommodation may be available.*

Applications together with a full curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees should be made as soon as possible to The Headmaster, Malvern College, Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 3DF, from whom further particulars of the school and of this post may be obtained.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Blackburn, Lancs BB2 6DF
H.M.C.

1200 pupils, including 370 in co-educational Sixth Form

Required for September two graduates to teach:

FRENCH

at all levels in the school, and to join a thriving and energetic department with a fine record of A-level and University entrance success. The post will suit an able and enthusiastic teacher, willing to be involved in the full range of school life including established foreign exchange links.

ENGLISH

at all levels in the school, and to join a thriving and energetic department with a fine record of A-level and University entrance success. The post will suit an able and enthusiastic teacher seeking either a first or second appointment, and willing to be involved in the full range of school life.

Salary on new scale, according to experience, together with other benefits.

Letter of application to the Head Master, with full Curriculum Vitae and names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees. Further particulars will be sent to all applicants.

ST MARGARET'S SCHOOL
Bushey, Hertfordshire
an independent Boarding and Day School (GBA/GBGSA) for 500 girls (7 to 18 years)

BURSAR

This post will become vacant on 1 September 1988 on the retirement of the present Bursar. Further details and an application form can be obtained from:

The Secretary to the Clergy Orphan Corporation and Clerk to the Governors, 57b Tufton Street, London SW1P 3QL.

Telephone: 01-222 1812. *Closing date for applications:* 1 March 1988

WELLINGTON COLLEGE
The Governors of Wellington College, Berkshire, invite applications from suitably qualified men or women for the post of

MASTER

which will become vacant in September 1989 on the retirement of Dr. D. H. Newsome, M.A., Litt.D.

Full details may be obtained from:-

Mr. C. L. R. Ingram,
Clerk to the Governors
Messrs Lawrence Graham
190 Strand, London WC2R 1JN

Applications must be received by 18th March 1988

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL GUILDFORD
APPOINTMENT OF BURSAR

Applications are invited for the post of Bursar of this independent school for 800 day boys with a preparatory department of 300. The present Bursar will be retiring in December 1988; his successor will be expected to take post in July or August.

Full particulars may be obtained from the **Clerk to the Governors, Royal Grammar School, High Street, Guildford GU1 3BB,** to whom applications in the form of a curriculum vitae supported by details of three referees should be submitted by 29th February.

The Kingsley School, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.
Tel: (0926) 25127

APPOINTMENT OF HEAD

Applications are invited for the above post for January 1989 following the retirement of the present Headmistress, Miss Cynthia Fairhurst.

The school is a girls' independent day and boarding school. There are 428 pupils (340 in the Senior School and 88 in the Junior School). Full details of the appointment and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary to the Council, The Kingsley School, Beauchamp Avenue, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 5RD.

Closing date for applications: 19th february 1988.

WELLINGBOROUGH SCHOOL
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

CO-EDUCATIONAL BOARDING AND DAY
SENIOR SCHOOL 414 PUPILS,
JUNIOR SCHOOL 265 PUPILS
(H.M.C. AND I.A.P.S.)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons for appointment to the post of BURSAR from the start of the Michaelmas Term 1988 or not later than 1st October 1988.

Some experience of finance and accounting, personnel management, maintenance of buildings and grounds is essential.

Further details from The Bursar, Wellingborough School, Irthlingborough Road, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 2BX (Tel No: 0933-223705).

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL
READING
(HMC, Quaker, Boys 11-18, *Girls in Sixth Form*)
seeks to appoint a

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

for September 1988. The School looks for a lively and experienced musician who will maintain and develop the School's fine musical tradition. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications, and a house will be offered in the Park.

Full details may be obtained from
The Headmaster,
Leighton Park School,
Reading, RG2 7DH
(Tel 0734 872065)

to whom applications should be made as soon as possible.

MORETON HALL, SHROPSHIRE
GSA, GBGSA, BSA

This thriving boarding and day school (310 boarders, 20 day) for girls with a sixth form of 100+, a growing reputation and an increasing demand for entry, invites applications from graduates with successful experience, enthusiasm and good qualifications:

1. To HEAD its MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT; currently almost 25% of girls in the sixth form are taking the subject to Advanced level.
2. To take charge of and against national trends to revitalise the CLASSICS DEPARTMENT and to be one of a team of HOUSEMISTRESSES who enjoy considerable status and appropriate accommodation.

Conditions of employment are unusually good as are the facilities which are being further improved. The school has *its own salary scale which substantially* betters Baker and both posts carry significant superscale allowances.

Applications, with full curriculum vitae and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three referees, should be addressed to the Principal, Moreton Hall, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3EW. Full details of the posts and the school will be sent to all applicants and enquirers.

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL GUILDFORD
APPOINTMENT OF BURSAR

Applications are invited for the post of Bursar of this independent school for 800 day boys with a preparatory department of 300. The present Bursar will be retiring in December 1988; his successor will be expected to take post in July or August.

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CLIFTON COLLEGE
BRISTOL

The following posts will be vacant from September 1988:

- Head of the Physics Department
- Housemistress-designate of the second girls' boarding house (13-18) to be opened in September 1989
- Head of the Technology Centre
- *Posts for Assistant Masters/Assistant Mistresses* in Modern Languages and English

For full details of all appointments, please write to the Headmaster, Clifton College, Bristol BS8 3JH

THE PRINCESS HELENA COLLEGE
for Girls

requires next term or in September an experienced, resident teacher, or two, of Physical Education.

LACROSSE ESSENTIAL

Facilities superb. Baker Main Scale, free residence and board. Cottage available nearby, for a married couple or two women staff, provided one person or both can teach another subject. Applications (with tel. no., if any) to the Headmaster, The Princess Helena College, Temple Dinsley, Preston, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 7RT. Tel: (0462) 32100.

PENRHOS COLLEGE
Colwyn Bay, North Wales LL28 4DA
Boarding and Day School for 300 girls, age 11-18, G.S.A.

DIRECTOR OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

For September, 1988. The ideal candidate will be an experienced mountaineer, sailor and kayaker with woodworking and mechanical skills. This fulltime post involves organising our wide ranging extra curricular programme and the careers programme. Experience and the proven ability to work safely and sensibly with young people are more important than paper qualifications. A sense of humour and the ability to be self-motivated are essential. Residential. Salary.

Written application, c.v. plus names of two referees to the Headmaster.

CRANLEIGH SCHOOL
GEOGRAPHY

Cranleigh School wishes to appoint a teacher of Geography for September 1988. Candidates should be willing to teach at all levels in the School, including A and S Level. Some sporting ability and willingness to live in the School as a member of its largely boarding community would be added recommendations.

The School is situated in Surrey countryside within *one hour of London.* Accommodation is provided if required. Salary is according to the Cranleigh scale. The post would be attractive to a recent graduate seeking a first or second teaching appointment.

*Further information may be obtained from the Headmaster's Secretary (0483 27*1997). Applications, with c.v. and the names of two referees, should be sent to the Headmaster, Cranleigh School, Surrey GU6 8QQ, not later than 19th February.

FETTES COLLEGE
Co-educational Boarding School for 430 pupils aged 13-18.
Required in September 1988 a

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

to Head a thriving and developing department in a school which has a lively and happy musical atmosphere and a wide range of musical activity.

Fettes Salary Scale. Accommodation available.

Further details and application form returnable by 17th February from the Headmaster's Secretary, Fettes College, Edinburgh EH4 1QX.

GABBITAS TRUMAN & THRING
We specialise in advising parents and students on their choice of independent schools and colleges.

If you are looking for a new school or college in the near future, we would be pleased to help you.

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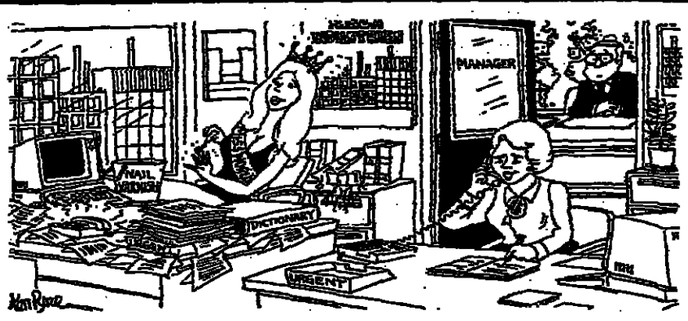


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HORIZONS

A guide to career choice

In praise of the older woman



Many of today's young office hopefuls belie the bright card ads for temps, and older women are often more skilful, says Godfrey Golzen

London salaries for 18-year-olds *leaving college at least match* those being offered to graduates going into their first job. No wonder secretarial courses and colleges are booming. But according to *Chris* Kelly, managing director of Reed Employment, some of the people these institutions release on the job market are in for a rude shock once they get there.

"About 30 per cent of those who come to see us about secretarial work simply don't have the minimum skills to earn the salaries they're aiming for", he says. "For instance, they produce a certificate saying they can type at 35 words a minute, but you really can't be very productive unless your typing speeds are at least 45 to 60."

One of the useful roles filled by agencies like Reed, says Mr Kelly, is in weeding out inadequate applicants because many bosses have very little understanding of what typing and shorthand speeds mean in relation to actual office tasks. That view is borne out by *Graham Goulden*, a spokesman for the Royal Society of Arts.

Though a nationally-agreed curriculum for secretaries will have to await any steps that might eventually be taken by the National Council for Vocational Qualifications, the RSA examinations, like those of the Pitman Exam Institute, set generally respected standards for secretarial qualifications.

"Many employers equate high speeds with skill, but grammar, accurate transcription ability and general office procedure – all of these come into our syllabus – are equally important." However he agrees that an important part of the RSA's activities must be to *make employers more aware of what* their qualifications mean in those terms.

"Not enough firms realize that we're in constant touch with industry to make sure that our courses are strongly rooted in vocational demands – or that in our exams, candidates are marked according to absolute standards. We don't set a pass mark in advance and let everyone through who comes above it."

Goulden and Kelly part company, though, in their views on the importance of shorthand. According to Goulden, only about 40 per cent of employers actually require shorthand now, but Kelly maintains the underlying demand is more widespread, and that the preference for shorthand as compared to audio dictation is not just a matter of bosses stuck in old-fashioned ways.

"Audio machines are very inflexible", *he points out.* "Making corrections involves a lot of fiddling about with rewinds, but above all you miss the physical rapport with a human being sitting there and reacting to what you say"

In his view colleges are wrong in regarding shorthand as one of yesterday's skills and he feels this is part of a general decline in educational standards. "The spelling of those under 25 is getting worse", he also notes.

"*In the preliminary tests we give to* assess the level of ability of those who apply to be put on our books, it's becoming rare to find someone who can score over 80 to 90 per cent in a spelling test."

He agrees that spelling checkers on word processors make this ability less necessary, but he says that quite a number of word processing packages either do not have such programs or only indicate spelling mistakes without correcting them. Furthermore, they do not correct punctuation, another area where standards are slipping.

"Many bosses now have to indicate every dot and comma in a letter – *especially if it's in a tape going to a typing* pool. We're living in an increasingly visual culture, in which younger people simply don't read enough to be aware of their own mistakes."

So what is the answer, in the light of the fact that it may take years for the *NCVQ to turn its attention to this field?* For a start, Kelly recommends that employment agencies should take the initiative and liaise more closely with schools and colleges to make them aware *of the skills that are needed in the* market. He would like to see them offer job awareness training to school leavers who are likely to be working in offices.

At the moment there is absolutely nothing to prevent private colleges, some of them of variable quality, from issuing *their own secretarial certificates.*

Some of them, he says, allow only a day's training for office technology during their course. Others are training students on out-of-date hardware that *would not be found in any well-equipped* office.

One solution might be for the Department of Education to licence only those colleges for secretarial training that are *adequately equipped. A further require-*ment should be that exams are set by recognized bodies who, like the RSA, have their own inspectors to see that standards are observed by the colleges *that offer the association's qualifications.*

But it may be just as much a matter of tilting market forces to increase the supply of secretaries. Many graduates have a prejudice about the idea of "being a secretary" but it is *still often the first* rung on the career ladder, apart from being increasingly well paid in its own right.

As far as employers are concerned, the prejudice that needs to be overcome – and it persists almost as strongly as ever – is the one against older women. Looking through advertisements for secretarial vacancies, one is struck by the fact that the maximum age specified is nearly always 35, which must cut out an immense number of highly experienced women, educated to much higher standards than today's under 25s.

Chris Kelly agrees. When Reed *ran a competition in 1985* for the top secretarial college student of the year, the winner was a mum who had been unable to find a job.

"We've found that women returning to work after starting a family are some of the most highly-skilled secretaries we've come across. If they're a bit rusty on the technical side, we offer refresher courses.

"After all, if you can type 40 words to the minute, getting up to 60 is just a matter of polishing what's already there."

He also points out that having run a household, older women are experienced in the crisis management that is a large part of office life. As a correspondent *recently put it to me:* "True secretaries are actually skilled professionals, cunning in the art of finding a lost file, telling a barefaced lie over the telephone and supplying the boss with the name of the *chairman's wife at a moment's notice.*

"Those are things they don't teach you at whatever the secretarial equivalent is of the Harvard Business School."

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PREP & PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DEAN CLOSE SCHOOL

The Governing Body invites applications for the post of

BURSAR

and Clerk to the Governors of Dean Close School, Cheltenham, Glos

Candidates should have relevant administrative and financial experience with a high degree of responsibility. The successful candidate will be required to take up the appointment not later than 1st September, 1988. An attractive pensionable salary will be negotiated.

Further particulars and application forms are obtainable from Stewart Ben Bernard, c/o Rickerby Jessop, Ellenborough House, Wellington Street, Cheltenham, Glos. GL50 1YD.

The closing date for applications will be the 12th February, 1988.

BRISTOL WALDORF SCHOOL

Required from mid-February:

MATHEMATICS TEACHER

Warm, creative person required immediately for G.C.S.E. work and a wider Maths and Geometry syllabus. Part-time post, possibly leading to full time 1988/89.

PART-TIME GERMAN TEACHER

To teach children aged 12-15. Some G.C.S.E. work.

Letter, C.V. and two references to Bristol Waldorf School, Park Place, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1JR.

THE CAVENDISH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

For 3 year old entry, September 1988 will be held at 2pm on Thursday 3rd March 1988.

The Cavendish School (Original Foundation 1885) is an Independent (VPS) Catholic Girls' Preparatory School offering a sound academic education in caring and friendly surroundings.

Application forms may be obtained from the The School Secretary, 170, Arlington Road, London NW1 7EY.

Tel: 01-485 1958

CROFT HOUSE SCHOOL

Shillingstone, Blandford, Dorset Tel: (0258) 860255

Girl's Boarding and Day School. No. on Register 250.

Required for April:

TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY (WOMAN) TO 'A' LEVEL WITH EXPERIENCE OF G.C.S.E.

Ability to teach a second subject (ideally English, remedial work, or computing) essential. National Salary Scale (Main Grade).

Please apply as soon as possible for Headmistress, (closing date: 9th February 1988), giving names and addresses of 2 referees.

THE SYLVIA YOUNG THEATRE SCHOOL

Marleybone, London NW1

A teacher of History up to and including G.C.S.E. is required to Autumn 1988 to cover up to nine years maternity leave. Familiarity with the aims and objectives of GCSE History is required and previous experience teaching G.C.S.E. History of Medicine would be desirable although not essential. Three days - Monday to Wednesday. Salary negotiable.

Please telephone Maggie Melville or Leslie Bennett on 01 402 0673.

EWELL CASTLE SCHOOL

Church Street, Ewell

(1988) and (1989): 350 boys in the Senior School)

Required for September 1988 a graduate to teach both Geography and History. It is anticipated that the successful candidate will teach one of these subjects to GCSE and A Level and the other subject only in the Main School.

A willingness to contribute in the extra curricular life of the School will be an advantage.

Applications with C.V. and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees to the Headmaster at the School, Church Street, Ewell, Surrey.

EDGEHILL COLLEGE

Bideford, North Devon EX39 3LY

G.S.A. 380 girls 11 to 18 years. Boarding and Day.

Required for September 1988 a graduate to teach MATHEMATICS throughout the school up to Advanced Level. An interest in some curricular activities is important.

Applications in writing to the Headmistress with C.V. and names and addresses of two referees. Closing date Friday, 12th February.

CROYDON HIGH SCHOOL GDST

Old Farleigh Road, Selsdon, South Croydon CR2 8YB.

Required for September 1988 well qualified:

MATHEMATICIAN

to join large and flourishing department and able to teach throughout the school to GCSE and Advanced Level, including Statistics at A-level.

Written applications to the Headmistress with C.V., names and addresses of 2 referees.

St Swithun's School Winchester Hants

An Independent School of 420 girls aged 11-18 years.

Required in April 1988 full-time Maths Teacher to teach Maths throughout the school.

GCSE to A & S & Oxbridge Level. Salary according to experience.

Applications as soon as possible to the Headmistress who will tell CV and the names & addresses of two referees.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Cambridge
FACULTY OF MODERN AND MEDIEVAL LANGUAGES
Department of German

Applications are invited for the post of University Assistant Lecturer in German, to take up appointment as soon as possible. The successful candidate will be expected to give German language classes and also lectures in one of the periods of German literature from the Middle Ages to the twentieth century or in the history of the German language.

The appointment will be for three years with the possibility of reappointment for two years. The statutory limit of tenure of a University Assistant Lectureship is five years, but all holders of the office of University Assistant Lecturer are considered for the possible appointment to the office of University Lecturer during the course of the tenure.

The pensionable scale of stipends, for persons not ordinarily resident in College, is £9,865 rising by four annual increments to £12,035.

Applications, giving details of qualifications, experience and specific area of teaching offered, together with a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two or three referees, should be made to the Secretary of the Appointments Committee, Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DA to reach her not later than 24 February 1988.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HULL
THE LAW SCHOOL
LECTURESHIPS

Applications are invited for TWO PERMANENT LECTURESHIPS and TWO TEMPORARY LECTURESHIPS (initially for a period of two years) available from 1 October 1988. The primary teaching duties of the appointees will be to assist the teams teaching COMMON LAW, PUBLIC LAW, and PROPERTY LAW to LL.B students and applicants must be able to offer one of these areas. Preference will be given to candidates who can, in addition, offer one or more of the following:- REVENUE LAW, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW, WELFARE LAW or THE LAW OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

Initial salary will be on the Lecturer scale: £9,260-£14,500 pa or £15,105 - £19,310 pa according to qualifications and experience. It is expected that for the temporary posts salary will not exceed £11,680 p.a.

Candidates who wish to be considered for the permanent posts only should indicate this clearly on their applications.

Applications (6 copies), giving details of age, qualifications and experience, together with the names of three referees, should be sent by 22 February 1988 to the Senior Personnel Officer, University of Hull, Hull, HU6 7RX from whom further particulars may be obtained. (Tel: 0482 465277).

THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
Academic Secretary

Following the appointment of the present Academic Secretary to the post of Registrar and Secretary at the University of Birmingham, with effect from 1st April, 1988, applications are now invited for the vacancy.

Candidates should have appropriate experience of administration and government in a University. The salary will be within Grade VI for Academic-Related Staff (a minimum of £23,380 per annum from 1st March 1988) and will be determined according to the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

Applications are to be received not later than 25th February, 1988, and should be addressed to Mr. R.A. Nind, Registrar (Ac.S.), The University, P.O. Box 147, Liverpool, L69 3BX, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

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CHRIST CHURCH
Oxford
COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY

The College proposes to appoint a Chaplain who must be an Anglican in priest orders to take office on 1 October 1988. Candidates should obtain further particulars and a form of application by writing to the Dean's Secretary, Christ Church, Oxford, OX1 1DP. The final date for applications is 11 March 1988.

University of London
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The Senate invite applications for the above newly-established Chair.

The Professor will be expected to organise and participate in providing a clinical allergy service for the Lewisham and North Southwark Health Authority as well as to pursue research and undertake teaching and administrative duties. The Professor will hold an honorary consultant contract with the Health Authority and will be appointed a Physician to Guy's Hospital. Candidates must be medically qualified, registered with the GMC and a member of a recognised defence union. The candidate should have received substantial training in allergy and respiratory diseases and a period of research experience gained abroad would be helpful.

Applications (10 copies) should be submitted to the Teachers' Section (T), University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU, from whom further particulars should first be obtained.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 29 February 1988.

Prospective candidates wishing to discuss the post should contact Professor M H Lessof, Department of Medicine, Guy's Hospital, London SE1 9RT

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK
Professor of Arts Education

Applications are invited for the post of Professor of Arts Education in the Department of Arts Education of the Faculty of Educational Studies. The successful candidate will be the second Professor appointed to the Department of Arts Education, which is responsible for subject-based and professional courses in Art, Drama, English, History, Music and Religious Studies, and professional courses in Modern Languages. The Faculty of Educational Studies offers a 4 year concurrent BA (with Qualified Teacher Status), a PGCE, an In-Service BPhil (Ed), an MEd and supervision of other Higher Degrees up to doctoral level.

The successful candidate will be a specialist in one of the Arts Education subject areas, or some combination of them, and have an established reputation for scholarship and research as well as a strong interest in the Primary age range, and a proven capacity for academic leadership.

The appointment will be offered on the Professorial Scale, minimum £23,380 pa (from 1 March 1988, subject to confirmation).

Applications (3 copies) to the Registrar, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL (0203 523627) quoting Ref No 26/A/87/J (please mark clearly on envelope). Closing date for applications 26 February 1988.

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Librarian of the Faculty of Architecture and History of Art

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Applicants should have a wide knowledge of past and current bibliography of both Architecture and History of Art, and it would be advantageous to possess one or more of: a good Honours degree, experience in an academic library, professional qualifications in librarianship.

The appointment will be for three years, with the possibility of re-appointment to the retiring age.

The pensionable scale of stipends for the Librarian, not ordinarily resident in College, is £11,460 a year, rising by six annual increments to £14,825. Stipends are expected to be increased by 7 per cent. From 1 March 1988.

Further information may be obtained from Mr. A. Soutter, Secretary of the Appointments Committee for Faculty and Departmental Librarians, General Board Office, The Old Schools, Cambridge, CB2 1TT, to whom applications (eleven copies), including a curriculum vitae and the names of not more than three referees, should be sent, so as to reach him not later than 26 February 1988.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Applications are invited for a POSTDOCTORAL SENIOR RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP, tenable for eighteen months, with a starting date of 1 April 1988. The successful applicant will participate in a continuing research programme of study of physical and chemical processes occurring in shocks in interstellar clouds.

Initial salary in the range £9,865 - £12,150 (plus superannuation).

Applications (3 copies), naming three referees, quoting ref. P5 by 29 February 1988 to the Registrar, Science Laboratories, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
Chair In Manufacturing Processes

Applications are invited from engineers and scientists with expertise in metal processing, the processing of new materials or interconnection technology for electronic sub-systems. The Professor will be a member of staff of the Department of Manufacturing Engineering.

Expressions of interest are invited from both academic and industrial specialists.

Salary will be within the professorial range (minimum from 1 March 1988 £23,380 per annum and subject to further national review from 1 April 1988). Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Acting Registrar.

Loughborough Leicestershire LE11 3TU

University of Bristol
Chair in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies

The University proposes to appoint a Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies from 1st January 1989 or such later date as may be mutually agreed. Suitably qualified applicants are invited to submit applications by 29th February, 1988. Further particulars of the appointment may be obtained from the Registrar and Secretary, University of Bristol, Senate House, Bristol BS8 1TH.

MAGDALENE COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE CB3 0AG
CHAPLAIN

It is intended to appoint a Chaplain from 1 October 1988.

Particulars may be obtained from the Master's Secretary, Magdalene College, Cambridge, CB3 0AG. (0223) 332144.

University of Reading
Appointments

PROFESSORSHIP OF GEOGRAPHY

Applications are invited for a Professorship of Geography, which will become vacant on the appointment of Professor Peter Hall, FBA, as Chairman of the Economic and Social Research Council. The Professorship will be in the Department of Geography in the Faculty of Urban and Regional Studies.

The appointment will be made from 1 September 1988 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The University is seeking to appoint a Professor who has an established reputation in applied geography (with preference being given to candidates who can further develop links with other departments in the Faculty of Urban and Regional Studies). A Research Fellowship for a fixed term of three years is to be assigned to the Professorship.

Further information may be obtained from the Registrar, Room 212, Whiteknights House, P.O. Box 217, The University, Whiteknights, Reading RG6 2AH.

The closing date for applications is 29 February 1988.

University of Reading
Appointments

PROFESSORSHIP OF EDUCATION

Applications are invited for a Professorship of Education, which will become vacant on the retirement of Professor Jack Wrigley, CBE.

The Professorship will be in the Department of Education of the School of Educational Studies.

The appointment will be made from 1 October 1988 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Candidates, who have been and are actively engaged in research, are sought within the broad field of science and mathematics education.

Further information may be obtained from the Registrar, Room 212, Whiteknights House, P.O. Box 217, The University, Whiteknights, Reading RG6 2AH.

The closing date for applications is 7 March 1988.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
The Vice-Chancellor

The University has established a Committee to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor in succession to Lord Flowers, who will be retiring on 31 August 1989.

The Vice-Chancellor, the academic and administrative head of the University, is normally appointed for a period of four years and is eligible for reappointment for one further period not exceeding four years.

The Committee invites persons wishing to suggest any names for consideration, or interested in being considered for the post, to write in confidence by 29 February 1988 to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr Peter Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
The Queen's College
Official Fellowship and Praelectorship in Philsophy

Applications are invited for an Official Fellowship and Praelectorship in Philosophy with effect from 1 October 1988. Preference may, but will not necessarily, be given to a candidate competent to teach Ancient Philosophy. The title of University Lecturer (CUF) may be conferred by the Board of the Faculty of Literae Humaniores upon the holder of the fellowship, but the full stipend associated with a University Lectureship (CUF) and College Fellowship will be met by the College with effect from 1 October 1988 unless or until the holder of the title is appointed to a stipendiary University Lectureship (CUF).

Further particulars may be obtained from: The College Secretary, The Queen's College, Oxford, OX1 4AW to whom applications (nine (9) copies or one (1) from overseas candidates) should be sent not later than 29th February 1988.

SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES
University of London
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Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Japanese Law, in the Department of Law. Applicants should have good academic qualifications. The person appointed will be expected to develop a specialization in modern Japanese Law and to teach the subject at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, while also participating in the teaching of general legal subjects for the LL.B. degree upon a comparative basis.

The appointment will date from 1 October 1988 or as soon thereafter as possible. It will be made on the Lecturer A scale (£9,260 rising by 9 increments to £14,500) or the Lecturer B scale (£15,105 rising by 6 increments to £19,310) depending on qualifications and experience. In addition London Allowance (currently £1,393 per annum) will be paid, and membership of the USS will be encouraged.

Further particulars and application forms are available from The Secretary, School of Oriental and African Studies, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HP to whom applications should be submitted by 11 March 1988.

BIRBECK COLLEGE
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LECTURESHIP IN HISTORY OF ART

Applications are invited for a Lectureship tenable in the Department of History of Art from 1st October 1988. The appointment will be tenable for three years only in the first instance.

The Lecturer will be expected to hold a degree in the History of Art and to have a specialist knowledge of an aspect of twentieth century art or architecture.

Initial salary will be at a point appropriate to age and experience on the Grade A Lecturer scale £10,633 - £15,895 p.a. inclusive of London Weighting (salaries quoted at 1.3.88. rates of pay).

Further details may be obtained from the Assistant Secretary (Personnel), (T/HOA), Birkbeck College, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HX, to whom applications, to be despatched by 29th February, including a full curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees should be returned by 15th February.

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For application forms and further details please write on a post card to the Assistant Personnel Officer, Personnel Office, Queen Mary College, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS. Quoting reference 88/10. Closing date 29th February 1988.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
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Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, the University, Leeds, LS2 9JT, quoting reference 3/88. Applications (two copies) giving details of age, qualifications and experience, and naming three referees, should reach the Registrar not later than 7 March 1988. Applicants from overseas may apply in the first instance by cable, telex (556473 UNILDS G) or facsimile (0532-426896), naming three referees, preferably in the United Kingdom.

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Applications, names and addresses of three referees to: Senior Assistant Secretary (Personnel), University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT. Closing date: 8 February 1988.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
CAREERS & APPOINTMENTS OFFICER

Applications are invited for the above post, tenable from 1st August 1988. The vacancy is in the Careers & Appointments Service which provides careers guidance, including assistance in obtaining employment or further study, to all students of the University.

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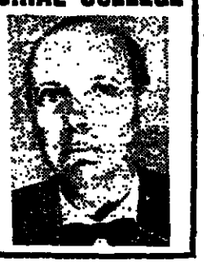
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Restrictive covenant was too wide

Spencer v Marchington
Before Mr John Mowbray, QC
[Judgment January 25]

A restrictive covenant which prohibited a former employee in an employment agency from being engaged in any similar business within a radius of 25 miles after the termination of her employment was too wide and accordingly void on the ground of public policy.

Mr John Mowbray, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge in the Chancery Division, so held granting the plaintiff, Veronica Spencer, an order for an account of profits on her claim against the defendant, Diane Marchington, trading as Apex Recruitment Services, and dismissing the defendant's counterclaim for an injunction restraining the plaintiff from carrying on a business as an employment agency within a 25-mile radius of 25 Horse Fair, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Mr Gregory Mitchell for Mrs Spencer; Mr Simon Readhead for Mrs Marchington.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Mrs Spencer had been employed as a general manager in Mrs Marchington's employment agency, Apex, in Banbury. Under her contract of employment, for a period ending on May 31, 1986, Mrs Spencer was to be paid 50 per cent of the profits of the business less the PAYE payable.

By clause 7 of the contract Mrs Spencer covenanted that upon termination of her employment not for a period of two years to carry on or in any way be engaged in the business of any employment agency within a radius of 25 miles from 25 Horse Fair, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

On April 1, 1986 Mrs Marchington wrote to Mrs Spencer informing her that her contract would not be renewed when it terminated on May 31.

On June 2, 1986 Mrs Spencer opened an employment agency in Banbury called Pyramid Consultancy Ltd. Apex's best customer became her customer. There had been a clear breach of clause 7 and Mrs Marchington had suffered damage for which she claimed damages and an injunction.

Mrs Spencer's defence to that, *inter alia*, was that the restrictive covenant covered too wide an area and was accordingly void for offending public policy.

There was no dispute as to what the test of validity was — the restriction was too wide if it covered an area more than adequate to protect Mrs Marchington's legitimate interests.

Those interests included the trade connection with existing customers. That was an important interest. Mrs Spencer had come into a close personal business relationship with customers and especially the better ones.

Another interest was the list of customers at Banbury. Without taking those lists away with her Mrs Spencer could remember the better customers. She also knew what discounts were given. That was confidential business information which Mrs Marchington could protect.

But Mrs Spencer could make use of that confidential information by setting up even at the edge of the prohibited area.

The 25-mile radius, which covered an area of nearly 2,000 square miles, was far wider than was needed. It included Rugby, Northampton, Oxford and Witney.

The existing customers were all within a 20-mile radius except for one. The great majority of the customers were in Banbury or in Bicester, under 15 miles away. It was important to note that there were no customers in Rugby, Northampton or Oxford.

Mr Marchington, who took an active part in the management of his wife's business, explained how he came to draw the boundaries of the area in the way he did. He said that 25 miles was necessary to preserve from attack from someone in the same business the area his wife's agency could hope to service.

He said that the business was done by telephone and by visits to clients so that the situation of the office was not that important. One should also point out that the area covered was of a largely rural kind with major towns widely spread apart. Mr Marchington said that it was to prevent competition with customers and prospective customers that he drew the boundary where he did.

Although his Lordship appreciated Mr Marchington's thinking he had to reject it. The object of the rule of public policy prohibiting unduly restrictive covenants was not primarily to protect the employer. It was to protect the market open to prospective customers; to maximize the number of agencies available to them and to promote competition among them.

The area restricted, including Northampton and Oxford, not only prevented Mrs Spencer from servicing customers inside the 25-mile radius but also, for quite a substantial distance customers outside the area. On clause 7, as it stood, customers outside the 25-mile radius who would look to Oxford or Northampton as the centre at which to find an agency would be deprived of going to an agency in which Mrs Spencer was concerned.

In his Lordship's judgment it was not necessary to extend the area beyond 20 miles at the most, especially as there was another almost equally good way of protecting the business, that is, a clause forbidding Mrs Spencer to have dealings with existing customers.

Such a clause would not be perfect as it would not cover prospective customers who had already been canvassed by Mrs Spencer. But no authority was cited which justified extending the area beyond where customers were to where future customers might be won or reached. The trade connection was too insubstantial.

A circle 50 miles across was an enormous area and it could not be justified.

Solicitors: Johnson & Gaunt, Banbury; Franklin & Curtin, Banbury.

Split custody order overturned

C v C
Before Lord Justice Purchas and Mrs Justice Heilbron
[Judgment January 25]

Following the divorce of their parents, young brothers and sisters should be brought up together in the same household. Unless there were strong factors to warrant so doing, an order splitting the custody, care and control of the children between their parents should not be made.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing a mother's appeal from an order by Mr Recorder Davey sitting in Sheffield County Court on October 21, 1987 whereby the custody, care and control of her young son was given to his father notwithstanding that their young daughter was to remain in her custody.

Mr Graham Robinson for the mother; Mr Andrew Lees for the father.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that in the course of divorce proceedings the recorder ordered that the father should have the custody of his son, A, who was four and a half, and that the daughter, C, who was seven, should remain with the mother. Reasonable and mutual access was given to both parents.

The mother sought a variation of the order, wanting the custody, care and control of A transferred to her. The father did not seek the custody of C.

The parties had married in 1980 but were not happy for very long. In 1986 the mother left the matrimonial home taking C with her and returning to live with her family who were near by.

The father had remained in the matrimonial home with A. The mother had now set up her own home in council accommodation in the vicinity. The material conditions of that home were described as excellent.

At the hearing the only issue before the recorder was whether A who had made his home with his father should go to his mother so as to be brought up together with his sister or whether the position should remain as it was, his mother having access.

A report that had been before the recorder from a qualified and conscientious welfare officer referred to a strong bond existing between A and his father. However, that report had not set out any positive views as to the matters with which she was concerned. Unfortunately, therefore, the recorder had no positive assistance from a qualified expert witness.

But the recorder's judgment was, to say the least, laconic. Succinct judgments were to be encouraged but in difficult cases where a difficult balancing exercise had to be performed the Court of Appeal was assisted, so far as relevant and important issues were concerned, if trial judges gave indications of the steps that they had taken in reaching their decisions.

Mr Robinson said that in carrying out the balancing exercise and in exercising his discretion in favour of the father the recorder was so plainly wrong that the only legitimate conclusion was that he had erred in that exercise of his discretion - see *per* Lord Fraser of Tullybelton in *G v G* ([1985] 1 WLR 647, 651). In those circumstances, it was argued, it was for the Court of Appeal to substitute its own decision.

Although referring in his judgment to the success of the access arrangements made by the parties, the recorder nowhere touched on the more difficult question of where A's long-term future should be for his proper development and for his welfare over the ensuing years.

What the recorder had in fact done was to give as a *ratio* for deciding A's custody, care and control, the success of the access arrangements. He had decided the custody issue on matters that did not bear on any of the important features in the case — namely of removing A from his father to the benefits of being brought up with his sister with whom he had a close relationship.

It was beyond argument that unless strong features indicating the need for contrary arrangements existed that brothers and sisters should be brought up together. That they could be of support to each other following their parents' separation could not be questioned.

If a judge decided to go against that position then such a a departure required specific mention by him of the reasons for his so doing.

Mr Lees had tried bravely to fill the lacuna that existed. But there was no evidence in the case to justify the recorder taking such a course as he had and he had given no specific reasons for so doing. He had erred in principle by applying the wrong test: by looking at the success of the access arrangements and not going beyond to look at the long-term interests of A.

The appeal should be allowed and the order varied so as to give the custody care and control of A to the mother with reasonable access to the father.

Mrs Justice Heilbron gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Hempsons for Clegg & Sons, Sheffield; John Howell & Co, Sheffield.

Exclusive right not considered

Channel Shipping v Newport Borough Council
Before Mr Justice Kennedy
[Judgment January 28]

Magistrates erred in having regard only to occupation of premises and should have considered whether the occupants had the right to exclusive occupation for the purposes of deciding whether a rate demand was payable.

Mr Justice Kennedy so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by the appellant, Channel Shipping (Newport) Ltd, against the decision of Newport Justices who upheld a rate demand for a warehouse at East Dock Road, Newport. The case was remitted back to the justices.

Mr Keith Bush for the appellant; Mr Wyn Williams for Newport Borough Council.

MR JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the case concerned an appeal by way of case stated from the decision of the Newport Justices who found on November 21, 1986 that a rate demand made by Newport Borough Council was payable.

The justices found the premises were owned throughout the relevant period by W. F. Bartholomew & Sons (Property Investments) Ltd. The premises were split and in consequence separate rates became due.

The split premises were occupied by the appellant who was in sole occupation throughout the relevant period. Although others could have been let into occupation by the owner, no other person was actually let into occupation.

His Lordship found that the justices erred in finding that, as no other person was in fact in occupation, it was irrelevant what intentions and beliefs the owner of the premises and the appellant had held as to control over occupation.

His Lordship accepted the submission made by Mr Bush on behalf of the appellant that even if there was sole occupation, the question whether there was a right to exclusive occupation could not be overlooked.

The case would accordingly be remitted to the justices to consider the issue of exclusive occupation.

Solicitors: Hopkins & Wood for Edwards Geldard, Cardiff; Mr C. Tapp, Newport.

Exocet missile attack sufficient to frustrate shipping contract

Vitol SA v Esso Australia Ltd
Before Mr Justice Leggatt
[Judgment January 28]

Defendants were entitled to rely on the frustration of a contract by an Exocet missile hitting a ship when it had been sailing through the Gulf.

Mr Justice Leggatt so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing a claim by the plaintiffs, Vitol SA, against the defendants, Esso Australia Ltd, for the balance of a contract price for oil sold and delivered, alternatively damages.

Mr Gordon Pollock, QC and Mr Bernard Eder for the plaintiffs; Mr Adrian Hamilton, QC and Mr Stephen Tomlinson for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the plaintiffs agreed to sell to the defendants 29,000 to 31,000 metric tonnes of premium motor spirit. The contract stipulated Hobart, Tasmania, and Holden Dock, Melbourne, as the discharge ports. Delivery was to be by vessel "to be negotiated" and arrival was dated March 15-30, 1986.

The plaintiffs had difficulties in finding a ship to suit the Holden Dock dimensions but eventually the parties agreed without prejudice upon the vessel Wise, even though that meant a reduction in the contractual volume to 27,500 tonnes.

The plaintiffs' representative in Bahrain stated that the vessel would depart on March 5 and arrive at Hobart on March 27. He also told the defendants that there was a small shortfall in the quantity of oil carried. There were no discussions between the parties about the possibility of making good any shortfall.

After that message had been sent the vessel was hit by an Exocet missile in the Gulf and the plaintiffs reported to the defendants what had happened.

The defendants formally abandoned the voyage and asserted that title and risk in the cargo had not passed to them but remained with the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs said that the agreement reached had provided that title and risk would pass at the "vessel's manifold flange at loadport".

On a true construction of the contract the plaintiffs' obligation had been to load a contractual cargo on board a nominated vessel within a time which in the ordinary course of events would have enabled the cargo to be delivered at both of the discharge ports within the stipulated period.

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ATHLETICS: FEW CRUMBS OF COMFORT FOR A WELL-BEATEN BUDD AT GATESHEAD BUT A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEAST FOR CRAM'S CLUBMATE AT LEICESTER

Johnson in peak form before trip to Europe

Toronto (Reuter) – On the eve of his departure for Europe, Ben Johnson, of Canada, set his second world indoor best in the 50-yard dash in as many weeks, cutting his former mark of 5.20sec down to 5.15 at the Toronto Challenger indoor athletics meeting on Friday.

Johnson, who tied his old mark in a heat earlier on Friday, predicted what his new world best would be before it was announced. "I guess 5.15. I know I ran a lot better than my heat and had a lot better start," he said.

He added: "This is the best I've ever felt since Rome," referring to his world outdoor record of 9.83sec in 100 metres, set last August. "The body was ready to go and the muscles were very loose. I could go lower but right now it was a good time." Johnson also holds the world indoors records at 50 metres (5.55sec) and 60 metres (6.41sec).

Trailing in sixth and last on Friday was Stanley Floyd, of the United States, whose five-year-old best time of 5.22sec Johnson broke in Hamilton, Ontario, two weeks ago.

Angella Taylor-Issajenko, also of Canada, equalled Evelyn Ashford's world indoor best of 5.74sec in the women's 50 yards. Johnson's and Taylor-Issajenko's marks are called world indoor bests rather than world records because the distance is infrequently run.

Doina Melinte, of Romania, undefeated this year, pulled ahead of the early leader, Kirsty Wade, of Britain, to win the women's 1,500 meters by more than 10 metres in 4min 10.81sec with Wade second.

RESULTS: Men: 50 yards: B Johnson (Can), 5.15sec. Mile: M O'Sullivan (Ire), 4min 4.57sec. 3,000m: P Williams (Can), 8:04.28. Pole vault: G Yegorov (USSR), 5.70m. 800m: S Hoogewerf (Can), 1:52.51. Women: 800m: C Wynn (Can), 2:9.68. 1,500m: T. D Melinte (Rom), 4:10.81; 2, K Wade (GB), 4:12.58. 50 yards hurdles: Julie Rocheleau (Can), 6.43. 50 yards: A Issajenko (Can), 5.74.

A triumph of new choreography

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

The sponsors of the world cross-country trials at Gateshead on Saturday will be pleased to know that the Tooby twins breakfasted on their product before going out and tucking away Zola Budd for lunch. "Two digestive biscuits," Angela, who won, said. "Each," Susan, who was third, added. Jill Hunter was second, and Budd was fourth. With a diet like that, no wonder the twins came out looking "thin and mean", in the words of Alun Roper, the Welsh team manager.

The "mean" look, completely at odds with their sunny personalities, they owe to Harry Wilson, who equally incongruously, given his rotund figure, once represented Wales in the international cross-country championship.

Wilson, who has advised such luminaries as Steve Ovett in his time, has been coaching the Toobys for two years now. And the difference was never more evident than on Saturday, when, as Wilson said, "They actually looked like proper runners."

Much was made of Budd's changed style on Saturday. But her awkwardness probably had more to do with choosing short spikes on such a muddy course. But there was a marked difference in the Tooby style. They used to run as Petrouchka danced, all arms and legs, and no co-ordination. Wilson began by pulling the right strings.

"All they ever did was run for as long as they could as hard as they could. Yet they could barely run a single lap of the track in 70 seconds. They had no style at all." Wilson got them doing more variety, with faster track work, and also hit on separating them in training, in order to keep their peer competitiveness for races.



Double trouble ahead: Zola Budd (left), who finished fourth, struggles in the wake of the Tooby twins at Gateshead

"Zola likes to dominate a race, so I said to Angela and Susan, whatever you do, don't let her lead," Wilson said. "When she has to follow, sometimes her head goes down. But, in fairness, Zola just didn't look sharp."

That is hardly surprising, considering that this was Budd's first big race in 16 months, because of injury. And there is little doubt that a few races in the next two months will see a much improved athlete in Auckland on March 26. But, a third world title is gravely in doubt. And, having beaten Budd by 36 seconds on Saturday, Angela Tooby is a more likely medal winner at the moment.

Wilson, who had a short, unhappy coaching relationship with Budd last year – "I didn't like the way she didn't integrate" – had the satisfaction of seeing all three of his charges beat Budd, for he coaches Hunter, too.

The additional selections to go to New Zealand with the first seven men and four women should be straightforward. Fiona Truman, who almost caught Budd, and Sonia Vinall, fifth and sixth on Saturday, should go. And Tim Hutchings and Jon Richards, who both missed the trial through injury, will doubtless be added.

Deon McNeilly threw in a 2min 55sec third kilometre to break up the men's field, and the relative newcomer in this class deserves as much credit as Eamonn Martin, who eventually beat the Irishman.

RESULTS: Senior Women (5,400 metres): 1, A Tooby (Cardiff), 18min. 06sec; 2, J Hunter (Blaydon), 18:18; 3, S Tooby (Cardiff), 18:21; 4, Z Budd (Aldershot), 18:42; 5, F Truman (Notts), 18:48; 6, S Vinall (Brighton and Hove), 18:54; 7, L Wight (Stevenage), 19:00; 8, S Crehan (Sale), 19:03; 9, J Sandiham (Bournemouth), 19:03; 10, J Shields (Sheffield), 19:13. Senior men (11,900 metres): 1, E Martin (Basildon), 35min 45sec; 2, D McNeilly (Willowfields), 35:49; 3, R Hackney (Aldershot), 36:31; 4, A Bristow (Brighton and Hove), 36:43; 5, C Robison (Derby), 36:54; 6, M Dalloway (Stourport), 36:54; 7, S Binns (Bingley), 36:58; 8, D Buzza (Cornwall), 37:06; 9, P Roden (East Cheshire), 37.08; 10, K Hanson (Stretford), 37:14. Junior men (8,000 metres): 1, C Roberts (Gateshead), 25min 20sec; 2, R Duval (Millfield), 25:27; 3, J Dennis (Camberley), 25:34.

Leicester winners prove that their choice was correct

By Barry Trowbridge

Even though an avoidable clash of dates with the world cross-country trials at Gateshead robbed the Counties Athletic Union inter-counties championships of some top-quality athletes, the competition traditional to the meeting was evident at Weston Park, Leicester, on Saturday as the Middlesex squad, enthusiastically managed by David Bedford, took the team honours south for the first time since Surrey's win at Luton in 1979.

Individually, though, northern honour was maintained by Paul Cuskin, a Jarrow and Hebburn club colleague of Steve Cram who ran away from Bob Treadwell, a specialist in mud and a former England representataive in the world championship, on the last of four circuits of the undulating, soggy, parkland course.

As the meeting is generally accepted as the second most important (to the national championships) of the domestic season, it is surely regrettable that the leading administrators of cross-country running – the one sphere of athletics that does give the impression of unity – agreed this year to differ and go their separate ways.

With a distance akin to that used it the world championship and with Scottish and Welsh runners already fully affiliated to the CAU, the inter-county race is the ideal setting for the trial. Something, it appears, those officials have conceded for 1989. Cliff Robinson, the secretary of the CAU, said on Saturday that his counterpart at the English Cross Country Union, Barry Wallman, was in contact last week regarding a combined race next year.

And it was only last Thursday that Cuskin finally decided to run at Leicester. "The invitation to run at Gateshead," he said, "was tempting, but I was a nonentity on the country last year and have been concentrating on the road this winter. No use in thinking what might have been. I decided to run here, and am delighted to have won. After all, it is my 25th birthday today."

Only 20, just, is Simon Mugglestone, United Kingdom senior champion over 5,000 metres on the track and still a junior in the eyes of the ECCU. His seventh place in the world junior race in Warsaw last March was partly responsible for him being invited to Gateshead. But they do not come much more level-headed than this Oxford undergraduate, and he too made a positive decision to run at Leicester.

Mugglestone and his coach, George Blackburn, have set their sights on the three major titles open to them in this last year in the age-group. And his display on Saturday, when he made all the running before finally shaking off another exteremely gifted youngster, Darren Mead, suggests that he must be the man to beat when the national championships are held at Newark.

RESULTS: Seniors (7½ miles): 1, P Cuskin (NE Counties), 40min 59sec; 2, R Treadwell (Surrey), 41:13; 3, H Boyle (Northants), 41:37; 4, G Couch (Essex), 41:42; 5, A Anderson (Middlesex), 41:45; 6, A Salter (Warwicks), 41:48; 7, P McGrath (Mx), 41:48; 8, K Lamb (Derbyshire), 41:48; 9, P Dugdale (Lancashire), 41:55; 10, C Nesbitt (NE), 41:56. Teams: 1, Middlesex, 129pts; 2, North East, 162; 3, Lancashire, 179. Juniors (6 miles): 1, S Mugglestone (Avon), 31min 34sec; 2, D Mead (Norfolk), 31:53; 3, M Sibbles (Kent), 32:15; 4, M Hudspith (NE), 32:28; 5, R Goddard (Lancs), 32:34; 6, P Gladwin (Herefordshire), 32:40. Teams: 1, Yorkshire, 63pts; 2, Avon, 69; 3, Lancashire, 77. Youths (4 miles): 1, J Caldwell (Lancs), 20min 29sec; 2, A Pearson (Yorkshire), 20:36; 3, M Fairley (Gloucestershire), 20:44; 4, N Allen (Leicestershire), 20:46; 5, E Hall (Northants), 20:48; 6, M Shervin (Bedfordshire), 20:55. Teams: 1, Lancashire, 54; 2, Cheshire 102; 3, North East 102.

RUGBY UNION: COVENTRY ARE SAVED BY A MOMENT OF ADVENTURE AS LLANHARAN PROVIDE ONLY UPSET IN ENGLISH AND WELSH CUP MATCHES

Welshmen sent home with boos

By Bryan Stiles

Gloucester	24
Cross Keys	12

They might keep a welcome in the hillside back home in Wales for Cross Keys but there is not much love lost for these Welshmen just over the border in Gloucester.

The Welsh side had not paid a visit to Gloucester for 12 years or more and had arrived to a rousing reception on Saturday but the boos that followed them into the dressing room at the end of the game indicate it might be another 12 before they are invited back. They slunk off losing by one goal, three tries, and two penalty goals to one goal and two penalty goals.

They had been welcomed to Gloucester with open arms because the West Countrymen found themselves without a game when the weather postponed cup-ties in England and Wales. First Gloucester were due to play Bridgend on Saturday, then it was to be Leicester, then Bridgend again, before they were left with a blank day.

Gloucester had hoped Cross Keys would provide them with the kind of fiery Welsh opposition that would set them up for the derby game with Bristol on Friday and the John Player Cup Special Cup-tie against Wasps next week.

What they got, though was a miserable match, littered with nasty incidents, numerous outbreaks of fighting and one particularly late tackle that should have resulted in Cross Keys having a player sent off. The pity is that Cross Keys have had such a good disciplinary record this season and they are not noted as a team of firebrands. Stronger refereeing after the first flare-ups would have helped to sort out the private squabbles that were going on. Mr Melrose failed to spot much of what was happening and appeared unable to impose the kind of authority that would have changed the play into more palatable fare.

In a match best forgotten Gloucester took the lead in the seventeenth minute when their flanker, Spencer, burst over from a tapped penalty 20 metres out. The home team repeated the dose from the same ploy eight minutes later, this time MacLean collecting the try. In between Stadden succeeded with just one of the three penalty kicks that went his way. A rare high point for Cross Keys came when Parkes, their flanker, equalled his club's try scoring record for a forward when he pounced from a lineout in the corner and secured his thirteenth try of the season.

With the score 10-9 at the interval Gloucester, looking more composed and with wind advantage, seemed destined to take the initiative in the second half and so it proved. Within five minutes Breeze had outflanked the visiting defence to score in the corner and full back Smith kicked two penalties to punish the Welshmen as their discipline disintegrated.

Stadden raised Cross Keys hopes with a penalty goal but Stanley sealed their fate with an unconverted try.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Tries: Spencer, MacLean, Breeze, Stanley. Conversion: Smith. Penalty goals: Smith (2), Cross Keys: Try: Parkes. Conversion: Wamfur. Penalties: Stadden (2)

GLOUCESTER: T Smith, D Morgan, R MacLean, D Cummins, J Breeze; M Hamlin, M Hannaford; M Preedy, K Dunn, R Pascall, D Spencer, N Scrivens, J Brain, A Stanley, J Bennett.

CROSS KEYS: A Wamfur; M Tweedy, J Howells, J Gough, N Matthews; P Stadden, J Way, P Leader, P Williams, R Donovan, G Johnston, B Peakes, C Booker, N Parkes, T Williams.

Referee: A Melrose (Cheltenham).

Tynedale's giants fail in the kill

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Coventry	7
Tynedale	6

Giant killing was no longer in fashion when the third round of the John Player Special Cup was completed on Saturday, but that was hardly for want of trying on Tynedale's part. Urged on by several fervent coachloads of supporters and the Geordie anthem, Blaydon Races, they stretched Coventry nearly to breaking point before the relieved first division club could start looking towards a home tie against Sale in the next round.

No one has played more cup-ties than Coventry since the national knockout competition began; this one hinged on the decision just before the interval to run a penalty rather than kick it. The try from close range by Johnson eventually made the one-point difference in victory by a try and a penalty goal against a penalty and a dropped goal.

As the final whistle blew, after eight minutes of injury time, poor Taylor, the Tynedale centre, dropped to his knees in the Coundon Road mud. He had five kicks at goal and succeeded with only one, though two were from his own half; indeed in terms of direct scoring chances, Tynedale created more than Coventry. Apart from missed penalties, Leslie saw a dropped goal whistle just wide before his success in the second half.

But Gledson, the Tynedale captain and hooker, was justifiably proud of his players, notably the pack. After an awkward opening quarter they came to terms with the slippery conditions and the strong wind which blew into one corner. They achieved more lineout possession, they scrambled back a couple of heels against the head after losing one and they mauled considerably better than Coventry.

Indeed it was Tynedale's ability to get more players round the loose ball which so nearly saw them join Berry Hill and Gordon League in the next round. They have five farmers in their pack and I imagine they are not the kind to stay at home ploughing through the paperwork – their strength in the maul was outstanding while at the lineout they moved Yates, their tall No. 8, hither and yon to Coventry's discomfort.

But neither stand-off half could harness the wind as effectively as they might have done. Leslie, a mature and composed player, performed his defensive kicking somewhat more reliably than his offensive kicking, while Coventry left it to Steve Thomas to put the ball high in the air.

Tynedale chose to face the wind in the first half and would have been content to hold Coventry to 7-0. Some sloppy tackling nearly let the industrious Graham through the centre but the visiting halves were content to work the touchline to keep Coventry at arm's lengths. Steve Thomas gave his club the lead with a penalty and Fairn established the position in the corner from which Johnson finally scored his critical try.

Ten minutes after the interval Tynedale had scored all their points, Leslie sending a dropped goal scudding down the wind and Taylor kicking a penalty after Richard – who looked as though he might be a tricky runner on a better surface – was obstructed.

Not all the exchanges were of the friendliest kind as Coventry's anxiety grew and Tynedale's effort became more frenetic, though Lakey might have settled matters had his little jinking run through a crowded 22 proved more profitable. As it was the sighs at the end came from both sides – reflecting relief and what might have been.

SCORERS: Coventry: Try: Johnson. Penalty: S Thomas. Tynedale: Penalty: Taylor. Dropped goal: Leslie.

COVENTRY: M Farn; A Parton, J Minshull, J Graham, S Hall; M Lakey, S Thomas; L Johnson, A Farrington, S Wilkes, P Thomas, J Hyde, A Gulliver, P Rowland, R Travers.

TYNEDALE: A Tallantyre; J Rutherford, G Taylor, G Dodd, M Richard; C Leslie, G Rutherford; R Parker, A Gledson, C Dixon, D Copeland, S Dunn, A Murray, M Lee, G Yates.

Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool).

Pontypridd suffer Parc syndrome

By Gerald Davies

Pontypridd	7
Aberavon	18

Parc des Princes, this brief season so far, is synonymous with missed chances and dashed hopes. Sardis Road, more modest but no less important when the Welsh Cup is at stake, will be thought of as such, too. Except this time it was the home team that suffered.

Billy James, the Aberavon captain, admitted frankly afterwards that had Pontypridd taken their opportunities, the match, as a contest, could well have been over by half-time. But his team dug in their heels, gritted their teeth and did whatever else needed doing without the thrills, and won by the comfortable margin though not so comfortably achieved, by a goal and four penalties to a try and a penalty. It was a tough tussle.

These may not be such good times for Aberavon, with four of their players having been sent off this season, yet it is in their blood to go out intensly for the Cup. Fauvel made a huge contribution, whether in the varied line-outs or the base of the scrum, and was ably supported by Yardley and O'Callaghan. James was the mature head and had by his side in the front row, he said, a loosehead prop, Gerrard, who must surely play for Wales.

As long as the game was played around the bunching forwards Aberavon grew in stature. Behind them, well served by Jones, Lewis made sure that as far as he was concerned they would never go back. But in the first 30 minutes he had no say in the matter. Pontypridd won and ran everything, either close or wide.

Pontypridd could do no wrong. But go wrong they did. If Lewis had kicked a penalty to put the visitors ahead in the first minute, it was all Pontypridd thereafter. Ceri Jones ran but failed to score, so did Robert Davies. So also did Mason. And if Owen did finally get over the try, Lewis soon kicked another penalty and the signs looked bad for the home team.

If a team does not score after such pressure, good fortune will soon be passed altogether. The home team played the game too far back, too often, behind the forwards and Matthews and Jardine flourished in their tackling.

If Mason recovered the lead with a penalty after the interval it was by now no more than a gesture, for his forwards were firmly in Aberavon's grip. Another two penalties from Lewis put them two scores ahead and with Pontypridd's game falling apart, Matthews intercepted a desperate pass from Robinson in defence and scored the try which Lewis converted.

SCORERS: Pontypridd: Try: M Owen. Penalty: J Mason. Aberavon: Try: G Matthews. Conversion: M Lewis. Penalties: M Lewis (4).

PONTYPRIDD: J Mason; G Loxton, C Jones, F Lewis, M Owen; J Robinson, R Davies; N Eynon, P John, R Stevens, N Sanders, S Bain, B Davies, S Griffin, A Carpenter.

ABERAVON: S Jones; R Diplock, G Matthews, J Jardine, P Jones; M Lewis, A Jones; L Gerrard, B James, G Richards, C O'Callaghan, N Spender, M Watts, P Yardley, T Fauvel.

Referee: C Norling (Birchgrove).

Maesteg's spirit is not enough

By Gordon Allan

Maesteg	6
Bridgend	17

It was Cup rugby in all its earthiness at the Old Parish Ground on Saturday. No brilliance here, just ferocious efforts as Bridgend overcame Maesteg by a goal, two tries and a penalty goal to two penalties and qualified for a home match against Neath in the quarter-finals of the Schweppes Welsh Cup on February 27.

This was the seventh meeting of these clubs in the competition and Bridgend's seventh win. When they reached half-time at 6-6, after playing into a stiff breeze on a sticky pitch, they knew in their bones their could be only one result. Maesteg knew it too. For all their spirit they never looked like scoring a try.

They competed successfully at the rucks and mauls and knocked their opponents down like skittles in defence. That was why the game was close for so long. But Bridgend's superior strenth and technique at scrum and line-out counted in the long run, and all their tries came from set pieces inside the Maesteg 22.

The conditions were made for team work, not the individual. Bridgend's international backs, Webbe and Devereux, were well shadowed. Devereux took a bang on his left hand, for which a precautionary X-ray examination was advised, but he stayed on the field and should be all right for Twickenham. Webbe, although he scored a try, did not often get his red-gloved hands on the ball.

Bird kicked Maesteg's penalties in the first half, against Webbe's try, from a little break by Aled Williams, and Goodfellow's conversion. Bird and Williams, each quick of eye and foot, had an interesting duel at stand-off half.

Gareth Williams, the Bridgend captain, opened the second half with a try after a line-out; Goodfellow kicked a penalty; and Michael L Griffiths, the scrum half, scored when his forwards shunted Maesteg back 15 metres to the goal line – and out of the Cup.

SCORERS: Maesteg: Penalties: Bird (2). Bridgend: Tries: Webbe, G Williams, M L Griffiths. Conversion: Goodfellow. Penalty: Goodfellow.

MAESTEG: M Thomas; I Griffiths, A Evans, A Bateman, W Thomas; J Bird, R Williams; D Edwards, N Thomas, P Francis, R Turner, R Thomas, P Scott, R Lewis, R Jones.

BRIDGEND: P Goodfellow; G Webbe, J Devereux, M Hall, C Bridgwater, A Williams; M L Griffiths, M Griffiths; W Hall, P Edwards, M Budd, P Kawulok, G Williams, D Bryant, S Bryant.

Referee: G Simmonds (Tatts Well).

Revised draw

SCHWEPPES CUP: Quarter-finals: Bridgend v Neath; Llanharan v Aberavon; South Wales Police v Llanelli; Cardiff v Pontypool.

Moseley wake from slumber

By Michael Stevenson

Wakefield	4
Moseley	14

Moseley's awesome command of the final quarter of their John Player tie at College Grove posed a question: why had they looked so ordinary for the rest of the match? But Wakefield ultimately had no answer, conceding victory by a try, to a goal and two tries.

The disloyal local weather had created conditions that made 15-man rugby perilous; nevertheless Wakefield should have run the ball more than they did.

Fifteen minutes from the final whistle, when Moseley scored their first points, Wakefield's brave pack was exhausted in the fact of stronger and heavier opponents.

Barley, Wakefield's hard-tackling centre, was the best, back on either side but Moseley's back row, in which Jeavons made a distinguished return, was the key to their win.

Adamson had fashioned Wakefield's try with an accurate chip. Robson had time to tidy but got into a horrid tangle for Townend to run onto the loose ball and score.

Paradoxically, Wakefield were at their very best in the first quarter of the second half; but the pendulum swung and, after Jeavons had almost scored, Shillingford picked adroitly, fed Robson and he put Goodwin in on the burst.

Pressure proliferated. Immediately a wheeled scrum gave James his chance to poach the lead with a soft, blind-side try after the ball had squirted loose from a set scrum, and try number three followed a tight-head hook, from which the Moseley pack drove Jeavons over the line for Pearce to kick the only goal of the day.

SCORERS: Wakefield: Try: Townend. Moseley: Tries: Goodwin, James, Jeavons. Conversion: Pearce.

WAKEFIELD: R Adamson; M Harrison, B Barley, S Cowling, A Atkinson; S Townend, D Scully; R Latham, S Cruise, C Yemm, A Clarke, P Wood, D Baldwin, G Marshall, R Rawnsley (capt).

MOSELEY: J Goodwin; A Parsons, T Exeter, J Desborough, A James; S Pearce, S Robson, M Linnett, C Barbor, G Smith, B Barr (capt), R Denhardt, A Ricardo, N Jeavons, P Shillingford.

Referee: G Seddon (Manchester and District).

Revised draw

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP: Third round: Bristol v Richmond; Coventry v Sale; Barry Hill v Harlequins; Moseley v Gosforth; Gloucester v Wasps; Leicester v Bath; Plymouth Albion v Saracens; Gordon League v Waterloo.

Kelso rescued by Ker

Conditions dictated that the result would hinge on forward superiority (George Ace writes). Kelso found reserves of strength over the final quarter to turn a seven-point deficit into 9-7 win over Ballymena at Eaton Park on Saturday by a goal and a penalty to one try and a penalty.

On a heavy pitch with a capricious wind, Ballymena made the early running. But faulty handling and indecision coupled with stalwart Kelso cover saw the teams change over with Ballymena leading by a single penalty to nil kicked by the full back, Rainey.

Davy Allen got the touchdown midway through the second half but Ker kicked a penalty minutes later.

A scrum was won inside the Ballymena 22 and Ker moved the ball wide for Robeson to score. The stand-off won the game with a conversion.

Lichfield victim to class gap

By Peter Dixon

Lichfield	3
Bath	43

Judging from their reaction, Lichfield's players would have liked to give a better account of themselves on Saturday. One suspects that Bath would have liked to have done so, too.

In football parlance, this third round John Player Special Cup tie was a glamour match for Lichfield, the minor club side, against the mighty Bath. Holders of the Cup for the last four seasons and with nine full internationals in their line-up, Bath, by comparison, looked awesome.

Yet as Redman, the England lock – who went off with a broken rib midway through the second half – said, the Cup holders could not really win. They were expected to run up a big score and did so. Had they also succeeded in landing more than two of nine conversions, the margin would have been even greater.

The problem with matches like these is that it is impossible to judge the true form of either side, so wide is the gap in class. For Bath that is likely to be more of a problem than for Lichfield. By their standards, the West Country side are having a poor season, and are away to the in-form Leicester in the next round.

With Lichfield's pack much smaller than the visitors', they were always likely to be on the retreat. Yet they gave a spirited performance, ably assisted by the excellent Broad at scrum half.

Bath, however, were always in control. Leading 15-3 at half-time, they steadily increased their lead with tries from Morrison, Swift, Hill, Guscott and Robinson. But with Cue missing six kicks at goal and Trick two, they will not be afforded that luxury against Leicester.

SCORERS: Lichfield: Penalty: Broad. Bath: Tries: Swift (2), Lee, Guscott (2), Morrison, Hill, Robinson. Penalty try. Conversions: Trick (2). Penalty: Cue.

LICHFIELD: S Potter; P Butler, J Ridgway, P Massey, I Cobden; A Bartlett, B Broad; I Wickden, M Davis, W Brown, M Bishop, P Tinsley, P Van Block, M Fisher, B Parker.

BATH: P Cue; D Trick, J Guscott, S Halliday, A Swift; J Palmer, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Dawe, R Lee, J Morrison, N Redman (replacement: D Cronin), A Robinson, J Hall, D Egerton.

Referee: D Leslie (Lancs/Manchester Society).

Preece puts Llanharan on cloud nine in cup

By Owen Jenkins

Tredegar	7
Llanharan	10

Llanharan stormed into the quarter-finals of the Schweppes Cup for the first time after a controlled performance after Tredegar failed to take advantage of the strong wind in their favour in the first half.

It was not a pretty match – peppered with ups-and-unders, but hard and cleanly fought. When Llanharan elected to play into the teeth of the wind, seven points at the interval were never enough. Tredegar's points came from a dropped goal, a tapped penalty by Hunt, the stand-off, and a try after a powerful drive by Buckley, the prop.

Although Tredegar had a height and weight advantage at forward, Llanharan had the verve to win. Williams, the full back, hit the crossbar with a penalty attempt after Llanharan were denied a try when the referee was unsighted. Midway through the half came the try the village side deserved. Preece, the former Cardiff player, intercepted 40 metres out and galloped under the posts.

Eventually Llanharan won a scrum 10 metres out and Jones, the scrum half, went blind, found Hughes, who gave the scoring pass to Thompson. The conversion failed but Llanharan did not care with four minutes remaining. They had claimed yet another first-class scalp and clinched their first home tie for nine years, against Aberavon.

SCORERS: Tredegar: Try: R Buckley. Dropped goal: N Hunt. Llanharan: Tries: D Preece, D Thompson. Conversion: R Williams.

TREDEGAR: C Scully; M Burridge, S Cox, M Fowler, N Quirk (rep: D Hughes); N Hunt, R Jenkins; J Dixon, W Jervis, R Buckley, B Ahearne, S Duke, I Davies, G Evans, D Moore.

LLANHARAN: R Williams; A Hughes, D Preece, S Butler, M Pring; K Jones, M Jones; W Merry, C Langdon, J Pick, G Llewellyn, A Evans, M Reynolds, T Worgan, D Thompson.

Referee: R O P Jones (Swansea).

Cusworth waits to expose Clement

By Peter Bills

London Welsh	6
Leicester	41

The stockmarket crash and hurricane may be the chief disasters of this winter, yet for Welshmen in southern England, London Welsh fulfil the disasters-in-threes superstition. January has gone, yet the Exiles have yet to win on Saturday at home and with Cardiff and Bridgend next scheduled for Old Deer Park, it might be March before they do so.

A lack of basic skills and confidence, too thin in quality and now a profusion of injuries: little has gone right for Welsh Leicester ought not to be classed too highly with moderate lineout presence, Richards excepted, and adequacy at front row. What they live off is the skills of players at the heart of any team. The back row and half backs are excellent; Richards is world class, while Thornley, a speedy supporter of wide ball carriers and zealous pursuer of the loose ball, greatly enhances their potency. Cusworth remains the finest conductor.

There was one other important aspect before the Twickenham international: Cusworth ruthlessly exposing inadequate positioning of Humphreys. That set Englishmen pondering similar problems for Clement, the Wales full back. Hare cannot understand why Wales omitted Thorburn. "Three penalties are a lot of points. Besides, full back is not a position to learn overnight. Clement might start organized, but when play moves around he may lose his position." If that happens, England possess the most wiley stand-off half to expose him.

SCORERS: London Welsh: Try: Smith. Conversions: Humphreys. Leicester: Penalty try. Tries: Evans (2), Underwood, Youngs, Richards, Cusworth. Conversion: Hare (5). Penalty: Hare.

LONDON WELSH: N Humphreys; R Wintle, J Williams, A Rees, J Wallers; C Evans, M Douglas; S Bradley, B Light, J Davies, G Llewellyn (rep: C Smith), R Ford, R Sweeney, J Evans, J Smith.

LEICESTER: D Hare; B Evans, I Bates, T Buttimore, R Underwood; L Cusworth, N Youngs; S Redfern, H Roberts, W Richardson, P Mann, M Foulkes-Arnold, J Wells, P Thornley, D Richards.

Referee: J Burtonshaw (London).

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Third round
Coventry 7 Tynedale 6
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AREA LEAGUE NORTH
Birkenhead Park 28 Solihull 3

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Tredegar 7 Llanharan 10

SCOTTISH McEWANS NATIONAL LEAGUE
First division
Boroughmuir 9 Edinburgh Acads 9
Cancelled: Musselburgh v Watsonians.

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Aspatria	16	Kilmarnock	7
Ayr	15	Dunfermline	9
Durham	22	Selkirk	22
Ebbw Vale	3	Swansea	9
Fylde	28	Rugby	15
Glamorgan Wndrs	40	Torquay	0
Gloucester	24	Cross Keys	12
Gosforth	21	Hawick	15
Headingley	42	Cambridge Univ	12
Harrogate	9	Sheffield	15
Leeds	39	S Glamorgan Inst	0
Lpool St	7	W Hartlepool	14
London Welsh	6	Leicester	41
Malone	30	Morley	6
Melrose	15	Northern	26
Met Police	22	US Portsmouth	0
Nottingham	9	Wasps	13
Pontypool	35	London Irish	18
Preston Grasps	25	Birmingham	3
Roundhay	6	Orrell	9
Sale	31	Broughton Park	19
Stewart's Mel FP	9	Gala	16
Waterloo	48	West Park	0

Cancelled: Otley v Jed Forest; Royal High v W of Scotland; Selkirk v Langholm; Blackheath v Exeter; Bristol v Northampton; Broughton Park v Wakefield; Cross Keys v Weston-super-Mare; Harlequins v London Scottish (at Stoop Mem Grnd).

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Tandem Computers Seven Counties Merit Table: Southend 25 Upper Clapton 0. Foster Beard Middlesex Merit Table: Harrow 6 Osterley 18. Bisley Office Equipment Southern Merit Table: Havant 21 Bournemouth 3. Club matches: Antlers 7, Roreth Manor 14; Ashford 10, Tonbridge 11; Basingstoke 31, University Vandals 4; Buckinghamian 11, Northampton Men's Own 15, Chiltern 0, Windsor 3; Dorking 26, Twickenham 3; Guildford and Godalming 14, Old Guildfordians 24; Hayes and Middx 15, Old Titfinians 3; Henley 6, Sidcup 24; High Wycombe 29, Northampton Wanderers 4; Maidone 15, Rustlip 9; Met Police (Chigwell) 14, Old Edwardians 12; Newbury 25, Leamington 18; Northampton Boys Brigade 10, Bletchley 7; North Walsham 6, Ipswich 0; Old Cranleighans 3, Old Whigiftians 16; Old Reedonians 6, Old Daschwoodians 6; Old Verulamians 10, Hitchin 4; Petersfield 18, US Portsmouth 4; Reckingensians 15, Saffron Walden 7; Royston 16, Ely 3; Salisbury 36, Trojans 0; Shelford 15, Basildon 15; Shirley Wanderers 6, Sevenoaks 18; Sutton and Epsom 4, Warlingham 4; Thurrock 19, Bromwood 10; Uxbridge 17, Hemel Hempstead 12; Welwyn 13, Old Tottonians 4.

NORTH: Yorkshire Shield, first round: Bramley 36, York RI 3; Huddersfield YMCA 3, Wath-on-Dearne 12; Ilkley 11, Heath 23; Normanton 3, Wheatley Hills 21; Moortown 11, Sheffield Tigers 10; Northallerton 6, Redcar 3; West Park Bramhope 3, Old Modernians 0; Whitby 16, Bradford Salem 9; Wibsey 9, Ackam 6. Second round: Goole 13, Malton and Norton 4. Notts, Lincs and Derbyns: First division: Scunthorpe 34, Southwell 9. Club matches: Barton 10, Clayton 9; Beverley 15, Doncaster 0; Bradford and Bingley 14, Wigan 9; Burmage 13, Littleborough 11; Bridlington 27, Grimsby 3; Chesterfield 9, Headingley Wanderers 7; Eccles 3, Leek 6; Halifax Vandals 0, Halifax Dukes 0; Heaton Moor 9, Wharfdale 23; Hessle 6, Market Rasen 9; Hornsea 4, Hull University 9; Huddersfield 12, Wrexham 14; Hull and ER 8, Weston 6, Kendall 14, Chester 0; Kersal 4, Knaresborough 12, Dennington 6; Manchester 4, Stafford 3; New Brighton 10, Widnes 12; North Ribblesdale 9, Furness 4; Old Brodleians 25, Barnsley 4; Oldham 4; Liverpool Univ 38, Caldy 21; Otley 29, Driffield 3; Ripon 0, Ryton 7; Rochdale 7, Crosskeys 12; Rotherham 28, Pontefract 0; Selby 10, Newark 11; West Leeds 7, Bolton 14; Winnington Park 3, Davenport 4; Yarnbury 0, Hemsworth 6; York 7, Keighley 0

SOUTH WEST: Cornwall Cup Quarter-final: Launceston 28, Falmouth 3; St Ives 8 Camborne 4. Club matches: Avon 4, Chepperham 12; Avonvale 22, Bath OE 6; Arepans 4, Backwell 6; Bude 7, Old Technicans 9; Cheddar 6, Chew Valley 24; Cinderford 25, Avon and Somerset Police 9; Cleve 14, Evesham 4; Cotham Park 14, Kingswood 4; Davizes 19, Yatton 9, Dings Crusaders 14, Luckinians 4; Newquay Hornets 15, Camborne SOM 6; Perranporth 3, Truro 4, Redruth 27, Penzance and Newlyn 4; St Austell 6, Devonport Services 0, Teignmouth 14, North Petherton 12; Wivelscombe 13, Newton Abbot 0.

IRELAND: Ulster Senior League: Section two: NIFC 0, Academy 3. Club matches: Ballymena 7, Kelso 9; Malone 30 Morley 6; Ards 14, Waterpark 3, Dungannon 11, Armagh 22, Omagh 10, CIYMS 8; Ballina 25, Collegians 0, Portadown 12, Bangor 25. Leinster Senior League: Section one: Blackrock College 9, St Mary's College 31; Wanderers 13, Lansdowne 19. Club matches: Clontarf 7, Dolphin 13; Terenure College 3, Vecave Rangers 18; Monkstown 7, Young Munster 15; Greystones 24, Constitution 6. Dudley Cup: Dublin University 13 Queens University 14.

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RACING

Revisit poised to register first National Hunt success

By Mandarin

Somerset trainer Martin Pipe had a disappointing Saturday at Cheltenham with his three representatives, Sabin Du Loir, Positive and Sea Island, failing to make the frame.

However, this season's leading trainer for winners should saddle a double at Southwell today, weather permitting, through the medium of Revisit (1.0) and Harrison (2.0).

Revisit had a fine campaign on the Flat last year, winning four handicaps, including two at Ascot. She was also a gallant runner-up behind Just David in the Ladbroke Chester Cup in May.

Stamina is clearly her forte and this Busted mare should relish the testing 2½ miles of the first division of the Elm Tree Novices' Hurdle. She is my nap.

Pipe restricted Revisit to just one attempt over hurdles last term, a creditable fourth behind Mamora Bay at Warwick in March. She will have done plenty of recent homework for her reappearance and I am confident she can collect her first National Hunt victory.

Regal Nod and Wugby look her principal rivals. Regal Nod was in contention before falling at the sixth flight in Redgrave Devil's Newton Abbot contest last month while Wugby caught the eye when a close-up seventh behind French Goblin at Towcester.

Harrison is virtually a winner without a penalty having been first past the post at Ludlow on January 20, only to be demoted after hampering Woodenbridge on the run-in.

The five-year-old was a warm order that day, starting at 11-8 on, and should recoup the losses in today's Crown Selling Hurdle at the expense of recent winner Nuns Royal.

Pipe also has an interesting representative, Pharoah's Laen, in the Reindeer Novices' Chase. Formerly with John Francome, the seven-year-old tackles fences for the first time after finishing second to Danish Chief in a Market Rasen handicap hurdle.

However, slight preference is for David Murray-Smith's entry, Outside Edge, who before being outclassed by the smart Tonight's The Night at Sandown Park, had held on resolutely to beat another of Pipe's chasers, Cats Eyes, at Newton Abbot.

Another young chaser, River Trout, who chased home Cats Eyes at Fontwell Park midway through last month, looks on a lenient mark in the Bromley Arms Handicap Chase.

Middleham-based George Moore has struck up a marvellous partnership with jockey Michael Hammond and the combination may be successful again with Meritmoore in the Full Moon Handicap.

The five-year-old has plenty of weight considering he is just out of novice class, but may have greater scope than some of today's rivals, who include the John Jenkins pair, Aconitum and Tremar Lad.

Risk A Bet has also been alloted a hefty burden, 12st 6lb, in the Star And Garter Handicap Chase and I prefer one much lower in the handicap, the Mary Reveley-trained Burnditch Boy.



Cavvies Clown, leading Ten Plus on his way to a sparkling win at Cheltenham on Saturday, is now joint-favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup (Photograph: Ed Byrne)

Champion's busy schedule starts with Manton gallop

By Christopher Goulding

The annual guessing game has started as to where, when and whether See You Then will have a preliminary outing before attempting to win an unprecedented fourth Champion Hurdle in six weeks' time.

Nicky Henderson, who has prepared him so professionally for Cheltenham in the last three years, despite the constant battle with the gelding's bad forelegs, could only outline the champion's training programme.

On Tuesday, See You Then will gallop on the training grounds at Manton, where Barry Hills now successfully operates. This will be followed by a workout at Henry Candy's gallops on Thursday and a weekend racecourse gallop at Sandown Park.

Ireland, who in recent years have had a lean time at the Cheltenham Festival — they had only one victory last year — have a worthy contender in Cloughtaney.

The Paddy Mullins-trained gelding came home a very easy 20 lengths winner of the Bishops Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham on Saturday.

"If the ground comes up soft he will go for the Champion Hurdle," explained Mullins. "He just floats over the ground. If the going rides fast we will put him in the Waterford Stayers' Hurdle."

This now could be the race for Ten Plus, who failed to enhance his Gold Cup claim in the Charterhouse Mercantile Chase. Fulke Walwyn's big robust gelding failed to jump with any accuracy or fluency in the three-runner contest.

He eventually paid the penalty when uprooting the second-last fence and somersaulting on top of his rider, Kevin Mooney.

This brave jockey miraculously escaped unscathed, and managed to convince the racecourse doctor all was well and rode in the last race.

While Ten Plus was uprooting the birch from his fences Cavvies Clown gave a exhibition of spring-heeled fencing. The David Elsworth-trained gelding had the measure of Ten Plus long before he had departed.

Elsworth was in a bullish mood about his charge. "We will now go for the Gold Cup. Linwell and Mandarin were all small horses like mine and that did not stop them.

"He is in such good form I am tempted to send him over to Ireland for the Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup on February 13. I don't like missing races like that."

Cavvies Clown is now generally on offer at 6-1 joint favourite with Forgive'N Forget for the Gold Cup. Jimmy Fitzgerald has made it clear that he will be sending Forgive'N Forget, the winner of the Leopardstown race last year, to Ireland again.

Ross Arnott will resume his association with Cavvies Clown, who was ridden on Saturday by Graham Bradley, in the Gold Cup now that he has recovered from a broken collarbone.

John Baker, the Tiverton trainer who celebrated his 70th birthday yesterday, achieved his biggest training success when Jason's Quest short-headed Young Snugfit in the Food Brokers Cutty Sark Hurdle. The winner will be back for the Triumph Hurdle.

The stewards acted quickly after receiving many telephone calls from television viewers protesting about Richard Rowe's use of the whip when riding Hassle Money into second place in the Sparplas Windows Novice Chase, won by Highway Express.

The stewards inquired into Rowe's use of the whip from the last fence. They accepted his explanation that he only hit his mount once and thereafter was only flicking his horse. The veterinary officer found the gelding unmarked.

Rowe was reminded of his responsibilities to the public image of racing and informed him that he must amend his style when using the whip.

Rowe later showed his dash in the saddle by winning the Baron Blakeney Chase on Lucky Rascal. Josh Gifford, the winning trainer, will run the gelding in either the Ritz or the Mildmay Of Flete at the Festival meeting where he is still looking for his first winner.

Classical Charm in form for Festival

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Cloughtaney's Champion Hurdle prospects were doubly advertised over the weekend with his impressive Cheltenham victory and Classical Charm, whom he had beaten by two lengths at Leopardstown over the Christmas holiday, franking the form with a six lengths win yesterday in the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle, again at Leopardstown.

Al O'Connell, the owner-trainer of Classical Charm, said that the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle will now be his next race. Bookmakers took differing views of the value of his win here and he was variously quoted after the race at between 12-1 and the top quote of 28-1 offered by Ladbrokes.

However, Ladbrokes were most impressed of all the odds layers when it came to quoting the runner-up, Old Dundalk, for the Triumph Hurdle and they made him 10-1 favourite, two points shorter than Kribensis.

The two best-backed horses in the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle, the original favourite, Floyd, and the eventual market leader, Roark, both ran most disappointingly.

Floyd attempted to lead all the way but he never got far in front of Grabel and when he swung very wide on the final turn for home, his chance of success evaporated in a few strides. Roark, the Ladbroke Hurdle winner, was always towards the rear of the field and came in last of the eight starters. I doubt if we will ever see Roark on a racecourse again.

Barney Barnett stayed on at the one pace to finish third eight lengths behind Old Dundalk.

Abbey Glen sustained a stone bruise yesterday morning and was a late withdrawal from the Arkle Cup. Wolf Of Badenoch, who had been beaten by Abbey Glen over this course last month, provided further evidence of the brilliance of the absentee by leading from start to finish to score by 12 lengths.

Abbey Glen will hopefully recover in time to complete his Cheltenham preparation where he and Wolf of Badenoch are due to have their fourth clash of the season in the Arkle Trophy.

Mosamore, reunited with Tom Morgan, beat Brittany Boy in the Harold Clarke Leopardstown Chase and will now go for the Seagram Grand National. Brittany Boy still has his sights set on the Gold Cup.

● Simon Sherwood, who broke his right ankle in a fall from Gurteen Wood at Newbury a month ago, hopes to return to the saddle at Sandown Park on Friday.

TENNIS

Change in attitude gives Gomer a few smiles in final

From Barry Wood, Auckland

Sara Gomer's 6-3, 7-6 defeat yesterday by Patty Fendick, the top seed, in the final of the Nutri-Metics Open here failed to dent her confidence. She said: "I'm not a Steffi Graf or a Martina Navratilova who expects to be in the final. No one can take away that I reached the final and played well."

It would have been optimistic to expect her to overcome the feisty American. Fendick is the player of the moment after reaching two semi-finals and taking a set from Chris Evert prior to her engagement here. Her place amongst the world's élite is assured, and that makes Gomer's defeat nothing to be ashamed about.

Two things led to Gomer's demise. Her usually effective serve let her down. Whereas she produced nine aces in the semi-finals she hit eight double faults against Fendick.

The other problem requires a major change in attitude. She will never make the most of her assets unless she invests them in going to the net more often. That is obvious to her and opponents alike who are grateful she stays on the baseline.

Despite her failure to win the first major title of her career, Gomer was in good spirits. "I'm really excited about my tennis. I'm enjoying it, I feel good about myself. I feel lucky to be who I am and to be doing what I'm doing. For me, that's a big step forward because I've always said I don't really like being away from home and a middle of the road player," she said.

One more tournament remains before a short break at home. She plays in Wellington this week, where Teresa Catlin and Sarah Loosemore have repaid the faith shown in them by qualifying for the event.

SKIING

Wounded pride is partially soothed

From Ian Macleod, Schladming

Amid the justifiable celebrations that took place here on Saturday, after Austrians had claimed the leading four places in the final men's World Cup giant slalom before Calgary, two undeniably ironic touches surprisingly overshadowed the proceedings.

One concerned the new idol of the *Cirque Blanc*, Alberto Tomba, of Italy, who, despite finishing only ninth, still managed to upstage the hosts; the second had less amusing overtones as Rudolf Nierlich's first World Cup victory served to humiliate further the nation's disgraced downhillers.

Nierlich gave a demonstration in the art of consistency, finishing second on both runs. But if the Austrians welcomed the victory, it cannot disguise the shame of a nation that is now expected to fill only three of the four places in the Olympic downhill team.

Perhaps that, too, explains why the thousands who crammed into the area surrounding the finish line feted a foreigner, albeit the ever-popular Tomba.

RESULTS: Giant slalom: : 1, R Nierlich (Austria), 2min 45.54sec (legs 1:19.58/1:25.96); 2, H Strolz (Austria), 2:45.53 (1:19.53/1:25.70); 3, H Mayer (Austria), 2:45.93 (1:18.79/1:27.24); 4, G Mader (Austria), 2:46.91 (1:20.38/1:26.53); 5, J Pieren (Switz), 2:46.94 (1:20.13/1:26.81); 6, M Wasmeier (WG), 2:47.11 (1:20.07/1:27.04); 7, H Enn (Austria), 2:47.38 (1:20.96/1:26.42); 8, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 2:47.61 (1:20.54/1:26.97); 9, A Tomba (It), 2:47.95 (1:20.72/1:27.23); 10, T Cuzman (Yug), 2:48.21 (1:21.69/1:26.62); 11, Y Tavernier (Fr), 2:48.54 (1:22.11/1:26.43); 12, F Woermdl (WG), 2:48.61 (1:20.75/1:27.86); 13, R Pramotton (It), 2:48.71 (1:20.47/1:28.24); 14, C Gaidet (Fr), 2:48.79 (1:21.74/1:27.05); 15, R Erlacher (It), 2:48.91 (1:21.59/1:27.32).
World Cup standings: 1, Zurbriggen, 219pts; 2, Tomba, 213; 3, Strolz, 113; 4, Mader, 111; 5, Wasmeier, 107; 6, Mayer, 78. Overall slalom standings: 1, Tomba, 82 pts; 2 Mayer, 57; 3, Strolz, 57; 4, Zurbriggen 50; equal 5, Mader and Nierlich, 47.
Nations Cup: 1, Switzerland, 1,660pts; 2, Austria, 1,455; 3, West Germany, 649; 4, Italy, 585; 5, France, 391; 6, Canada 329.

Icy going pulls out double from Svet

Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia (Reuter) — Mateja Svet, of Yugoslavia, a pint-sized skier with a capacity to surprise, completed the double yesterday by winning the last World Cup slalom before the Calgary Olympics. On Saturday she had taken the giant slalom.

Svet, aged 19, produced on icy pistes the all-round form in technical disciplines for which she collected three medals at last season's world championships. "The crowd went so wild that I knew I could not disappoint them," she said.

RESULTS: Slalom: 1, M Svet (Yug), 1min 25.45sec (42.03/43.42); equal 2, R Stoner (Austria), 1:26.05 (42.64/43.42) and V Schneider (Switz), 1:26.05 (43.47/42.58); 4, A Wachter (Austria), 1:26.64 (43.00/43.64); 5, B Fernandez Ochoa (Sp), 1:26.70 (43.03/43.67); 6, C Kinshofer (WG), 1:27.00 (43.73/43.27); 7, M Maierhofer (Austria), 1:27.04 (43.54/43.50); 8, C Guignard (Fra), 1:27.29 (43.13/44.16); 9, C Schmidhauser (Switz), 1:27.52 (43.80/43.72); 10, U Maier (Austria), 1:27.87 (43.30/44.57); 11, D Mogore (Fra), 1:27.95 (44.03/43.92); 12, C Strobl (Austria), 1:28.10 (44.15/43.95); 13, L Kebrlova (Cz), 1:28.51 (44.31/44.20); 14, M Dezman (Yug), 1:28.82 (44.28/44.34); 15, K Buder (Austria), 1:28.64 (44.40/44.24).
Giant slalom: 1, Svet, 2min 15.75sec (1:09.79/1:05.96); 2, Schneider, 2:17.41 (1:11.43/1:05.98); equal 3, Fernandez Ochoa, 2:17.92 (1:12.19/1:05.73) and Wachter, 2:17.92 (1:11.69/1:06.23); 5, C Curtet (Fr), 2:19.14 (1:12.52/1:06.62); 6, C Meier (WG), 2:19.19 (1:13.00/1:06.19); 7, Maier, 2:19.74 (1:12.63/1:07.11); 8, C Nilsson (Swe), 2:19.76 (1:13.42/1:06.34); 9, C Kinshofer-Gutlein (WG), 2:20.17 (1:13.41/1:06.76); 10, Guignard, 2:20.26 (1:12.94/1:07.32); 11, C Marie (Fra), 2:20.53 (1:12.58/1:07.95); 12, I Salvenmoser (Austria), 2:20.93 (1:12.86/1:08.07); 13, A Gersch (WG), 2:20.98 (1:13.77/1:07.21); 14, A Hurler (WG), 2:21.17 (1:13.50/1:07.67); 15, J Kindle (Liech), 2:21.31 (1:13.82/1:07.49).
Overall World Cup standings: Equal 1, M Figini (Switz) and Schneider, 185; 3, B Oertli (Switz), 173; 4, Fernandez Ochoa, 154; 4, Wachter, 147; 6, M Walliser (Switz), 143. 7, Svet 130.
Slalom standings: 1, Schneider, 80pts; 2, Fernandez Ochoa, 73; 3, Kinshofer-Gutlein, 67.
Giant slalom standings: 1, Schneider, 76pts; 2, Quittet, 68; 3, Merle, 52.
Nations' Cup standings: 1, Switzerland 1,687pts; 2, Austria 1,507; 3, West Germany 859.

BOWLS

Confident start by Scots

From David Rhys Jones
Auckland

British teams at Auckland for the sixth world championships had an impressive record at close of play yesterday, when, after three sessions, they had won 18 out of their 23 matches. The Irish, Scottish and Welsh pairs were still unbeaten as were the English and Scottish triples.

Scotland, the holders of the Leonard Trophy, made a confident start to their defence of the team title when they beat Botswana, Argentina and Israel in the triples, and Japan and Malawi in the pairs. Their subsequent 19-13 win over the Australian pair, Bill Wain and Dennis Katunarich, was a real coup for the Commonwealth Games champions, Grant Knox and George Adrain.

The English triple, John Ottaway, Wynne Richards and John Bell, excelled in their opening match, beating the holders, Stan Espie, Sam Allen and Jim Baker from Ireland, 20-11, with Ottaway, from Wymondham Dell, leading brilliantly.

BRITISH RESULTS: PAIRS, section A, second round: G Knox and G Adrain (Scot) bt P Jeens and B Hawing (Malawi); R Weale and W Thomas (Wales) bt M McMahon and George Souza (HK) 18-14. Third round: Knox and Adrain bt B Wain and D Katunarich (Aust) 19-13; Weale and Thomas bt R Macarenhas and J Kalkaus (Botswana) 36-8. Section B, second round: D Bryant and T Allcock (Eng) bt C Turagabeci and P Fong (Fiji) 22-17; R McCutcheon and J McCloughrin (Ire) bt D Le Marquand and K Lowery (Jersey) 24-23. Third round: Bryant and Allcock bt Le Marquand and Lowery 32-19; G Seet and C Bransky (Israel) bt M Smith and M Nicolle (Guern) 20-11. Ireland: bye. TRIPLES, section A, second round: S Espie, S Allen and J Baker (Ire) bt B McWilliams, J Shepard and N McInnes (US) 29-7; J Ottaway, W Richards and J Bell (Eng) bt D Vowles, A Thomas and J Morgan (Wales) 22-18; T Rokeni, T Fasaoo, F Kinsone (W Samoa) bt B Crawford, M Pike and B Simon (Guernsey) 26-8. Third round: Espie, Allen and Baker bt P Van Leeuwen, D Broad and J Chalmers (Malawi) 27-18. McWilliams, Shepard and McInnes bt Vowles, Thomas and Morgan 14-11; Ottaway, Richards and Bell bt H Hugo, K Hashi and L Yamaya (Japan) 45-7; R Shanka, W Stephens and E Cauduadua (Fiji) drew with Crawford, Pike and Simon 16-16. Section B, second round: B Attwood, P James, T Mallett (Jersey) bt R Hayden, B Cumming and P Kramer (Zim) 19-14. Third round: W Paul, W Wood and A McIntosh (Scot) bt J Goldberg, C Cooper and S Skudowitz (Israel) 25-13; Attwood, James and Mallett bt R Dugdale, O Fowler and J Bone (Kenya) 22-15.

YACHTING

Briton to rescue of Americans

Sydney — A British competitor, Jonathan Clark, rescued two crew men washed clear of an American yacht in a wild second race of the J24 world championship off the Sydney coast yesterday (Bob Ross writes).

Split Personality (Fred Am Rhein, US) broached out of control while trying to hoist a spinnaker on a first ridge in a strong 25 knot south easterly with gusts over 30 knots. The yacht capsized, throwing three of the five crew into the water. One swam back while Sam Scott and Chris Mueller clung to the rudder, but then they lost their grip.

Clark went back to pick them up and returned to Sydney harbour.

The jury was considering awarding Clark some points in recompense for being obliged to retire. The race was won by the former world champion, Ken Read (US), sailing Rebel Yell.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FA Cup
Fourth round
Portsmouth v Sheffield U .....

Sherpa Van Trophy
Northern section
First round
Carlisle v Hartlepool .....

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Leicester v Nottingham Forest. Second division: Mansfield v Wigan.
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Fourth round: Northwich v Horwich.
FA TROPHY: Second round: Bath v Stafford. Second round replay: Kettering v Altrincham.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor v Basingstoke.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: Second round: Worcester v Bedworth.

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Super Bowl XXII: Highlights of the Denver Broncos v Washington Redskins from San Diego, California. C4: 5 p.m.
CRICKET: Bicentennial Test match: Australia v England. Highlights of the fourth day's play from Sydney. BBC2: 3.25 p.m. Repeated at 11.35 p.m.
SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: Boxing: North American middleweight championship: Michael Nunn v Kevin Watts from the Reseda Country Club, California. Football: European round-up.

SOUTHWELL

Selections
By Mandarin

1.00 REVISIT (nap).
1.30 Outside Edge.
2.00 Harrison.
2.30 Burnditch Boy.
3.00 Astrapen.
3.30 River Trout.
4.00 Meritmoore.

By Michael Seely

1.00 Revisit. 3.30 River Trout. 4.00 MERITMOORE (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 RIVER TROUT.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... S West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: heavy (7.30am inspection)

1.0 ELM TREE NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,270: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1	60-200	AFTER THE STORM 33 (Queensway Sec Ltd) Miss A King 5-11-2	A Webb	88
2	00-P	ANDY'S SECRET 20 (D Slingsby) A Brisbourne 6-11-2	M Brisbourne	—
3	P-P	APRIL FOX 37 (Mrs S Davies) R Holder 5-11-2	P Murphy	—
10		DEEP LASS 19 (J Mernagh) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-2	P Niven	—
12	P0-P	FIRE OFF 12 (B) (Mrs C Richards) W Morris 5-11-2	W Morris	—
20		LUCEVA (Affordshire Ltd) Mrs I McKie 5-11-2	—	—
22	0-00030	MARINA PLATA 3 (B) (S Bowring) S Bowring 5-11-2	D Shaw	83
25	0-	MOUNTAIN GLEN 289 (S Mason) Mrs C Clark 5-11-2	A Crimey	—
29	00/SF	REGAL NOD 20 (Mrs G Bowles) R Armytage 7-11-2	Gee Armytage	91
31	4-	REVISIT 328 (R Green) M Pipe 5-11-2	P Scudamore	● 99
38	0-P0B	SOLNAGER 44 (B) (Mrs M Hacker) R Hartop 7-11-2	R Crank	—
41	0	WUGBY 42 (G Burton) T Casey 6-11-2	R Dennwody	94
43		LADY TIKI (F Gilman) R Weaver 4-10-5	J Burton (7)	—
45		PALVIC GREY (S Robinson) J Leigh 4-10-5	P Blackburn	—
48	0P4	TOWER BAY 14 (Mrs S Gill) Mrs S Gill 4-10-5	G Mernagh	92

BETTING: 15-8 Revisit, 3-1 Marina Plata, 4-1 Regal Nod, 6-1 Wugby, 13-2 Tower Bay, 12-1 Deep Lass, 1987: RONDEAU 4-10-5 M Kinane (4-7 fav) R O'Sullivan 14 ran

FORM DEEP LASS (10-12) 6th beaten over 40l in a bumper behind Solicitor's Choice (11-10) at Kelso (2m, £685, soft, Jan 13, 13 ran).
MARINA PLATA (11-2) was tailed off after the 7th behind Oor Jamie (11-0) at Doncaster (2m 4f, sellr, £1664, soft, Jan 29, 18 ran).
REGAL NOD was in 3rd place when fell 6th, race won by Redgrave Devil, earlier (10-12) 3rd beaten 10l, nr by Last House (10-12) at Warwick (2m 5f, £1990, good, Dec 14, 24 ran).
REVISIT, a top performer on the Flat in staying events, (10-11) 4th beaten 6¼l by Mamora Bay (11-2) at Warwick (2m 5f, £1254, soft, Mar 10, 23 ran).
WUGBY (10-6) 7th beaten 11l by French Goblin (10-11) at Towcester (2m, £887, soft, Dec 21, 18 ran).
TOWER BAY (10-5) 4th beaten 11¼l by Malemain (10-10) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £944, soft, Feb 16, 17 ran).
Selection: REVISIT

1.30 REINDEER NOVICES CHASE (£1,236: 3m 110yd) (15 runners)

3	0/02-010	OUTSIDE EDGE 23 (S) (B Kilpatrick) D Murray-Smith 7-11-11	P Croucher	● 99
6	0-024U2	ALMONDBURY 16 (Mrs S Brook) M W Easterby 7-11-4	Mr T Thomson Jones	91
10	0110-00	BORDER TINKER 49 (S) (Running Horse Ltd) N Bradley 8-11-4	G Bradley	—
11	03PP4	BORROWDALE 18 (A Goodrick) T Ellis 8-11-4	M Fearn (4)	74
24	02000-2	PHAROAH'S LAEN 16 (T Johnsey) M Pipe 7-11-4	P Scudamore	—
25	3-UR042	POLLEN BEE 25 (G,S) (Mrs L Dresher) O Sherwood 7-11-4	C Cox	87
26	02-000U	PYLEIGH PRINCE 34 (Mrs C Britain) T Ellis 7-11-4	—	—
27	0/P	ROSE HUSSAR 59 (Maj F Phillips) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-4	J Bryan	—
31	4P-F00F	THE NIGELSTAN 28 (S Powell) P Hedger 7-11-4	N Richards	—
32	00-3P23	BALLYANNAGH 31 (W Wharton) W Wharton 7-10-13	J Wharton	87
33	FFF8	BLADON PARK 25 (Mrs L Marsh) R Armytage 6-10-13	M Bosley	—
36		LUCKY LOUISE (Mrs F Parkes) M Oliver 6-10-13	E Buckley	—
37	P	MASTERS MAGIC 42 (Mrs C Stallard) J Cosgrave 9-10-13	K Ryan (4)	—
38	0-P4	O CATINA 32 (Nat Pig Dev Co Ltd) Mrs M Rimell 8-10-13	A Sharpe	80
40	00	PUSHARDA 51 (B) (J Beasley) M Robinson 5-10-7	Miss C Beasley	—

BETTING: 5-2 Pollen Bee, 7-2 Almondbury, 4-1 Pharoah's Laen, 11-2 Outside Edge, 6-1 Ballyannagh, 8-1 Borrowdale, 25-1 O Catina, 33-1 others.
1987: SHEPHERDS HYMN 6-11-11 P Niven (4-7 fav) P Blockley 12 ran

FORM OUTSIDE EDGE (11-2) 5th never athreat beaten 39l by Tonights The Night (11-2) in good contest at Sandown (2m 4f, £4760, good to soft, Jan 9, 7 ran).
ALMONDBURY (12-0) 2nd failed to quicken beaten 12l by Edwards Vision (12-0) at Market Rasen (2m 5f, £1737, soft, Jan 16, 14 ran).
BORROWDALE (10-8) 4th beaten 23l by Met Officer (11-3) at Southwell (3m, £1572, soft, Jan 14, 14 ran).
PHAROAH'S LAEN (9-9) 2nd was going well until running left on the flat when beaten 5l by Danish Chief (10-0) at Market Rasen (3m, £2249, soft, Jan 16, 11 ran).
POLLEN BEE (11-5) 2nd stayed on after the last beaten 1¼l by Woodgate (11-7) at Lingfield (3m, £2415, heavy, Jan 7, 14 ran).
BALLYANNAGH (10-9) 3rd beaten over 30l by Motivator (11-0) at Leicester (3m, £3113, heavy, Jan 1, 5 ran).
Selection: OUTSIDE EDGE

2.0 CROWN SELLING HURDLE (£1,024: 2m) (17 runners)

1	414004	SONNY HILL LAD 31 (D,S) (Miss W Leighton) A Leighton 5-11-8	—	95
2	0P43	AUERSBERG 18 (N Riddell) A D Brown 5-11-1	D Dutton	—
4	U401D	HARRISON 12 (BF) (J Guillambert) M Pipe 5-11-1	P Scudamore	● 99
5	FF-000	SPRING WIGEON 31 (K Bell) D Wintle 5-11-1	S Keightley	88
8	R-	CELTICKERRY 541 (E Birchall) W Morris 5-10-10	W Morris	—
10	0	OPAL FLOWER 18 (MRH Thoroughbred Racing) D Borchell 5-10-10	D J Burchell (4)	—
12	P	PUB'N'CLUB 58 (D Allen) M Eckley 5-10-10	W Hayes (7)	—
14	FP0P-P0	THE TULSA QUEEN 101 (D Bell) O Bell 5-10-10	Lorna Vincent	—
18	00	AL FAYES 124 (Turbofame Ltd) M Usher 4-10-5	NON-RUNNER	—
21	00	GLENGAR 33 (T King) G Gracey 4-10-5	S J O'Neill	—
24	0	MASTER FRANKIE 78 (Mrs P Fox) J Mulhall 4-10-5	—	—
25	6	RIPSTER 170 (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 4-10-5	S Davies (7)	—
30	0	COLDWATER CANYON 18 (V) (H Simmonds) C Holmes 4-10-0	C Mann	78
32	0P600	GEMMA'S SONG 17 (P Quinn) J Parkes 4-10-0	S Cunningham (7)	78
36	02031	NUNS ROYAL 4 (S) (M Kavanagh) R Dickin 4-10-7	Martin Jones (7)	94
38	P001D	ROYAL SPECIAL 18 (B) (J Monteith) Mrs A Knight 4-10-0	G Knight	87
41	0004FP	SILLY JILL 3 (D Riggs) M Chapman 4-10-0	S Mitchell (7)	—

BETTING: 11-10 Harrison, 5-2 Nuns Royal, 11-4 Royal Special, 12-1 Sonny Hill Lad, 25-1 Gemma's Song, Spring Wigeon, 33-1 others.
1987: TYRANNISE 4-10-4 T Wall (10-1) B McMahon 14 ran

FORM SONNY HILL LAD (10-13) 4th beaten 19½l by Edozien (11-2) at Leicester (2m 4f, £885, heavy, Jan 1, 13 ran).
AUERSBERG (11-1) 4th beaten 29l by ROYAL SPECIAL (10-2), later disqualified for taking the wrong course, with COLDWATER CANYON (10-2) 5th beaten 47l here (2m, £986, good, Jan 14, 20 ran).
HARRISON (11-7) 2nd failed to keep a straight course once home when first past the post by ¾l from Woodenbridge (11-7), later disqualified, at Ludlow (2m, £823, heavy, Jan 14, 17 ran).
NUNS ROYALE (9-10) 2nd beaten 19l by On Her Toes (10-5) with HARRISON (11-5) 3rd beaten 12l at Devon (2m 1f, £707, heavy, Jan 1, 14 ran).
Selection: HARRISON

2.30 STAR AND GARTER HANDICAP CHASE (£1,851: 3m 110yd) (10 runners)

1	11-1020	RISK A BET 45 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs A Sheppard) Mrs I McKie 9-12-6	L Harvey	97
2	1U/P0PP-	BALLYMILAN 356 (G,S) (F Sheridan) F Sheridan 11-11-13	G Mernagh	—
3	10-U1P2	BALLY-GO 18 (CD,F,G,S) (C Bell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-11-12	M Dwyer	95
7	F21-P0	BORDER LAD 13 (S) (R Falers) M Oliver 7-10-10	E Buckley	83
8	1-01432	CROWECOPPER 12 (F,S) (J A D Eng Ltd) B Preece 9-10-7	Mr R Bevan (7)	● 99
9	03-0000	STONEY CREEK 12 (G,S) (E Banks) K Bailey 8-10-6	P Croucher	91
10	210P/U	POPLAR SQUARE 467 (S) (P Harris) Mrs M Rimell 9-10-3	J Bryan	93
11	2P-212F	BURNDITCH BOY 37 (CD,S) (R Hughes) Mrs G Reveley 9-10-0	P Niven	97
13	60/00-0P	PHIL THE FLUTER 76 (G,S) (G Morley) H Wharton 13-10-0	P Harris (7)	—
14	3004-20	JOE'S FANCY 125 (G,S) (P Liddle) P Liddle 10-10-0	M Pepper	98

BETTING: 2-1 Bally-Go, 7-2 Burnditch Boy, 4-1 Crowecopper, 11-2 Risk A Bet, 7-1 Joe's Fancy, 8-1 Border Lad, 16-1 others.
1987: SWIFT MESSENGER 8-10-1 R Crank (20-1) D Williams 13 ran

FORM RISK A BET, did not show his best when, (11-1) 6th beaten 46½l by Casper Carrot (10-1) at Lingfield (3m, £2607, heavy, Dec 18, 8 ran).
Earlier RISK A BET (11-9) 2nd beaten 5l by Mr Frisk (11-10) at Warwick (3m, £2624, good, Dec 3, 6 ran).
BALLY-GO (11-12) 2nd no chance with Mister Harrigan (10-5) beaten 3l here (3m, £1665, soft, Jan 14, 7 ran).
BORDER LAD (11-6) 6th lost his footing 13th and from then was never a factor beaten over 60l by Mithras (11-10) at Worcester (3m, £2872, heavy, Jan 19, 7 ran).
CROWECOPPER (10-3) 2nd lost his lead on the flat beaten 3l by Kelly's Boy (9-11) at Ludlow (2m 4f, £2155, good to soft, Jan 20, 13 ran).
BURNDITCH BOY was in 4th place and going well when falling at the last; earlier (10-2) 2nd beaten 3l by Deep And Even (11-7) at Nottingham (3m, £1826, good to soft, Nov 30, 8 ran).
Selection: RISK A BET

3.0 ELM TREE NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,266: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

4	8-6	ASTRAPEN 61 (P Davenport) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-2	A Sharpe	—
6	04-0	CANT GO WRONG 42 (Miss J Hadley) M Oliver 7-11-2	E Buckley	● 99
7	00-0000	CAPE MANTON 12 (A Smith) R Holder 7-11-2	P Murphy	88
8	PF	CORRECT GIRL 33 (Miss S Bradbury) W Mann 6-11-2	S J O'Neill	—
19	0	LOVERS DUET 12 (N Beasley) M Wilkinson 5-11-2	C Llewellyn (4)	—
24	430-000	MISS CANNIBAL 10 (R Pugh) R Pugh 7-11-2	C Smith	98
30	0/0-00	RESTANDBETHANKFUL 16 (Mrs S Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 5-11-2	D Telfer (7)	91
32	2600-FP	RIGTON ANGLE 72 (Mrs A McArdle) M Bradley 7-11-2	G Bradley	—
33		ROMAN CHARIOT (Miss K Holmes) Mrs I McKie 5-11-2	L Harvey	—
34		RUBY JAMES (C Alexander) D Bell 6-11-2	Lorna Vincent	—
35		SECRET REBEL (K Spindler) W Holden 7-11-2	S Keightley	—
42	03	CALL FOR TAYLOR 35 (Taylors of Soham Ltd) H Collingridge 4-10-5	S Woods (4)	89
47	00000	STEGILLY 17 (Dufell Roofing Co Ltd) A D Brown 4-10-5	C Hawkins	98
49	0223	WHITE JAZZ 34 (W Gradley) Mrs D Haine 4-10-5	G Mernagh	96
50	4PP20	WISCONSIN 16 (N Fletcher) M Chapman 4-10-5	S Mitchell (7)	93

BETTING: 3-1 Cant Go Wrong, 9-2 White Jazz, Astrapen, 8-1 Wisconsin, 10-1 Miss Cannibal, 12-1 Stegilly, Call For Taylor, 14-1 Lovers Duet, Cape Manton, 16-1 Restandbethankful, 20-1 others.
1987: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM ASTRAPEN (10-9) 7th beaten 35½l by Philosophical (10-2) at Hereford (2m, £885, soft, Dec 2, 17 ran).
CANT GO WRONG showed best last season (10-5) 4th beaten 16l by the useful Kincess (10-12) at Huntingdon (2m 4f, £1375, soft, Apr 1, 22 ran).
CAPE MANTON (10-8) 6th beaten 23½l by Hayfleet (11-3) with LOVERS DUET (10-9) 7th beaten 43½l at Windsor (2m, £1973, heavy, Jan 20, 22 ran).
CALL FOR TAYLOR (10-3) 3rd beaten 21½l by Sooner

FOOTBALL: BRIGHTON OUTSMART ARSENAL BUT LUCK FAVOURS THE FIRST DIVISION SIDE AT GOLDSTONE GROUND

Arsenal need hungry finisher to pick up crumbs of chance

By Clive White

Brighton 1
Arsenal 2

It is games like this one that make you wonder whether there really is something in the "lucky old Arsenal" label. The people of Brighton certainly must think there is. The biggest crowd at the Goldstone Ground for five years, 26,467, saw the third division side outsmart and outmanoeuvre Arsenal on Saturday but inexplicably fail to outscore them.

Luck like this is good enough to win a cup if not two cups. But as well as having luck on their side Arsenal also possess a mean professionalism and perhaps it was this quality as much as anything which eventually reduced Brighton's heroic effort to a nothing more memorable than just a statistic. "It would have been nice to have won with a bit more style." George Graham, the Arsenal manager, never spoke a truer word.

To anyone unaware of Arsenal's special powers of resilience it looked at half time, with the scores level, *that a Brighton victory* was inevitable. They were the only ones who were creating anything but significantly they were also the only ones who were missing anything. In the second half Arsenal stiffened their defence, tightened their midfield and sat back and waited either for a replay or for fate to carry them through. Suddenly a Brighton victory was no longer the obvious option.

Even an undisclosed hamstring injury sustained earlier in the week to Smith worked to Arsenal's advantage. The Saturday lunchtime choice of the pacy Groves went down very nicely, while the introduction of Hayes for Rix in the second half was no less agreeable.

It must have been galling for Brighton to watch as the pair of them synchronised their efforts in the 77th minute with the timing which Brighton could never achieve. Hayes drove the ball into a ruck of players and it rebounded perfectly into the path of the incoming Groves who volleyed it home. Not bad going for a player who admitted: "I haven't got the instinct of a natural goalscorer."

It would seem that too few have that instinct in the Arsenal side. The obvious need is for a hungry finisher to pick up the crumbs which fall from the top tables of Smith and Quinn. At the moment Arsenal seem to be relying too heavily on Richardson's long range weaponry. Again there was more than a fair share of luck about the way Richardson's low drive threaded its way through a cluster of players beneath the diving body of the possibly unsighted Keeley.

By then Brighton should have been two goals ahead after Trusson had headed obligingly into Lukic's arms *from six yards and Nelson had* done similarly with a gentle volley after Bremner had given him the nod. But Brighton could have no complaints.

They were level again within four minutes when Lukic, seemingly impeded by Sansom, patted Wilkins's shot towards Nelson who gladly atoned for his earlier miss. Richardson seemed intent on evening up matters still fur*ther but John Martin, the* referee, declined to send him off for a second bookable offence when with a late challenge he clattered into Rougvie who was rarely out of the wars.

Before they were sidetracked by Groves's goal Brighton were again offered a chance to continue along a path they followed to its conclusion five years ago before losing to Manchester United in a replay. But Bremner, having convincingly turned O'Leary, drove the ball wide of Lukic's exposed goal and gave Graham further reason to thank his lucky stars; in the case of Bremner, once of Millwall, one of his unlucky former stars.

BRIGHTON: J Keeley; K Brown, K Dublin, A Curbishley, D Rougvie, S Gatting, G Nelson, M Trusson, K Bremner, D Wilkins, J Crumpiin.
ARSENAL: J Lukic; N Winterburn, K Sansom, S Williams, D O'Leary, A Adams, D Rocastle, G Rix (sub, M Hayes), P Groves, N Quinn, K Richardson.
Referee: J Martin.

Coventry victims of the classic Cup tie

By Simon O'Hagan

Coventry City 0
Watford 1

John Sillett, the manager of Coventry City, got it just right when he said after the FA Cup holders' exit from the competition on Saturday: "Well, at least they've been to Wembley. They've got a medal and they should feel proud of that."

Most managers would have been unable to see beyond what was almost a scandalous result. Not Sillett. He cherishes his memories of last May, and nothing was going to spoil them.

This was a classic cup-tie inasmuch as the team which played by far the better football could not put the ball in the net, while its opponent, with hardly an attack to speak of throughout the match, managed to come up with the vital goals. It was a game with Fate written all over it.

Not that Watford should be begrudged their victory. It has not been a happy season for them, but under the eager young guidance of Steve Harrison, they seem to have recovered some self-belief. In Coton they also have an outstanding goalkeeper whose string of brilliant saves was easily the most important factor in the result.

As was the case all over the country the pitch was like the beach at low tide. But don't let anybody tell you that skilful football is impossible on such a surface. Time and again Coventry wove their way into the Watford penalty area as if they were on a ballroom floor and time and again Coton denied them.

Perhaps his best save was a wonderful reflex effort with which he turned away Phillips's header just before half-time. Psychologically, it was a crucial moment. Within eight minutes of the start of the second half Watford were ahead, Senior, *who had come on after the* interval as substitute for Blissett, bundling the ball into the net after Ogrizovic had been caught out of position following *a free kick. Coventry, for whom* Gynn was positively inspired, continued to attack relentlessly, but Coton remained unbeatable

COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic; B Borrows, G Downs, L McGrath, B Kilcline, T Peake, D Bennett, D Phillips, C Regis, S Sedgley (sub: D Speedie), M Gynn.
WATFORD: A Coton; G Chivers (sub: N Gibbs), W Rostron, K Jackett, J McClelland, W Sterling, M Allen, L Blissett, (sub: T Senior) G Porter, G Hodges.
Referee: R Nixon.

Bannister's finish transcends chaos

By Dennis Signy

Queen's Park Rangers.. 3
West Ham United 1

The good-natured shambles of the hour-long delay when West Ham United supporters spilled onto the touchlines prefaced an exhilarating second half which embraced three spectacular goals for Queen's Park Rangers.

What must have impressed the six senior German police officers, who were in attendance on a fact-finding mission for next summer's European Championship finals, as much as the professionalism of the police and the patience of the crowd, was the excellence of the last 45 minutes once everyone had readjusted to football.

Pizanti, who gave up the chance of a 26th international cap for Israel against France in midweek to establish himself in the Rangers defence in place of the suspended Dennis, became an instant Cup hero with the opening goal after 40 minutes.

Pizanti, in only his second full appearance since his £150,000 transfer from Cologne last summer, collected a pass from Bannister on the left, checked to beat a defender, cut inside and scored a memorable goal with a rising right-foot shot that sped past McAlister and lodged in the far top corner of the net.

Although Cottee scored his eleventh goal of the season from close range two minutes later to equalize, Bannister, who was in inspired mood, scored another spectacular goal after 63 minutes to re-establish Rangers' lead. According to his manager, the way he took the goal was the reason Rangers resisted a £300,000 offer from Coventry City, his original club, in the run-up to the game.

Bannister collected the ball with his back to goal, turned and cut across two defenders and curled in a shot from just outside the area. Alan completed a satisfactory victory *seven minutes from time when* he reached the by-line, cut back and scored from an acute angle.

West Ham, who had won on their last three visits to Rangers' artificial surface, played some neat but indecisive football. They are left with the task of trying to become the first side to beat Liverpool this season at Anfield on Saturday and collect points for League safety.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: N Johns; I Dawes, D Pizanti, P Parker, A McDonald, G Maguire, M Allen, M Falco, G Bannister, W Fereday (sub: J Byrne), K Brock.
WEST HAM UNITED: T McAllister; R Stewart, T McQueen (sub: P Hilton), B Bonds, G Strodder, T Gale, M Ward, L Brady, A Dickens, T Cottee, S Robson.
Referee: H King.



Walker's way: The Port Vale midfield player, a bargain at £12,000, shoots the third division side ahead against Tottenham

Matchstick men come unstuck

By David Miller

Port Vale 2
Tottenham Hotspur 1

To visit Vale Park, a large, rambling old Victorian ground, on a hillside in Burslem, almost hidden in the maze of meandering little Potteries streets, is to be back in the world of Lowry. The chimneys and dank yards, the corner shops and terraces, all seem little changed and although Hanley may now have a pedestrian shopping centre and a bronze statue of Stanley Matthews, the football of his boyhood love, Port Vale, remains endearingly, definitively plebian: reliable people, proud of their traditions.

Here is a nostalgic slice of the English character, old ways battling to survive in modern times, as evocative as the seaside pier. Average home attendances of 3,000 do not give a third division club much scope for airs and graces, but on Saturday, with more than 20,000 in the ground, Port Vale sent packing last season's cup finalists with something of a flourish. It was their best day for 34 years, when they beat Blackpool, the holders, Matthews and all, in the fourth round in 1954.

Ray Walker, who cost £12,000 from Aston Villa, a calm and stylish midfield player, was the man of the match against a Tottenham squad which has cost over £5 million to assemble and was constantly outclassed on what was admittedly a pudding of a pitch.

The tie was less than a quarter of an hour old when Walker put Vale in front. Waddle, a snip at little more than half a million, had missed, expensively, after seven minutes at the other end. Ruddock, brought into Tottenham's central defence, with both Mabbutt and Fenwick preferred by Terry Venables in midfield, had twice fired nervous back passes which almost beat his goalkeeper. Spurs were demonstrably jumpy.

Now Phil Sproson, whose uncle Roy had spent 25 years with the club as player and manager and had helped take them to the semi-final in 1954, *punched a pass down the right.* Thomas fumbled his tackle, and Walker curled a 25 yard shot wide of Parks. Spurs descended into panic; and during a shambles in their penalty area 12 minutes later Sproson walloped the ball into the net after Beckford's shot had been blocked. Could Vale survive the next hour?

But they could, and did. The depressing aspect for Venables, as he reflects on the match and surveys the months ahead of a now empty season, is that his players, all too clearly, did not possess that superiority in skill for which their supporters and the sponsors have paid so much.

Bob Paisley is right. Beneath Liverpool, it is a decidedly average first division, as I was trying to say when Liverpool began to run clear in the autumn.

Tottenham's back line of Hughton, Ruddock, Fairclough and Thomas was embarrassingly indistinguished, while on a surface where the ball would *not move, Paul Allen, Mabbutt,* Fenwick and Waddle could not impose any authority over Walker, Ford and Earle. Beckford played with a resourcefulness and character which reduced any margin in class that there might have been between the teams.

Spurs had some ascendancy early in the second half, but unintelligently failed to use the *flanks*, where the ground was firm, to get round the outside of Vale's determined defence. When Ruddock headed home Waddle's free kick after 65 minutes — the referee having penalized a wholly legitimate side-by-side shoulder charge by Hughes on Paul Allen is playing distance of the ball — it failed to dent Vale's resilience.

They ruggedly held off Tottenham's modest assaults as a watery sun set among dark clouds behind the Railway Stand. "I'd always thought we could do it," John Rudge, the Vale manager, said. It is this kind of engaging, wilful and slightly barmy optimism in the lower reaches which helps maintain 92, mostly impecunious clubs in the League. Spurs, meanwhile, need more than optimism.

PORT VALE: M Grew; K Steggles, D Hughes, R Walker, B Hazell, P Sproson, G Ford, R Earle, D Riley, D Beckford, M Cole.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: T Parks; C Hughton (sub: H Howells), M Thomas, P Ruddock, C Fairclough, G Mabbutt, C Allen, P Allen, C Waddle, T Fenwick, P Moran.
Referee: D Scott.

A prospect no one welcomes

By Nicholas Harling

Mansfield Town 1
Wimbledon 2

Stranger things have happened than Wimbledon appearing in an FA Cup Final at Wembley. Or have they? Football's most incongruous prospect nevertheless moved a step nearer reality on Saturday.

One thing is for sure. No one will welcome the prospect of being drawn today against Wimbledon in the fifth round. They can upset the best sides, even if according to Mansfield's manager, Ian Greaves, "They play third division football. It was a typical third division game." Greaves said of the fourth round tie in which the ball was hoofed out of Field Mill so often that one ballboy was beating a well worn track long before the end.

Wimbledon were responsible for depositing it twice into surrounding terraced streets in the opening 25 minutes as if to remind everyone that they are not long out of the third division themselves.

It was as though to show that he could be constructive as well as destructive that Foster showed perception for the through-ball, that linked with Cassells' shrewd leadership of the Mansfield attack, underminded Wimbledon's security. They uneasily rode out the early storm before gaining decisive control. Cork, clearly not to be denied after Garner's spectacular goal-line clearance, benefited from a free header after Wise's had plied him with a tempting cross just before the interval.

All the drama came after Phelan had tucked away Wimbledon's second goal when Graham sold Hitchcock fractionally short with a lobbed back pass on the hour. There had been no indication of a Mansfield revival until Beasant subsequently missed his fly kick to leave Kent with a bizarre goal. Having found a sniff, Mansfield got the scent when Sanchez bowled over Lowery, only for Charles to find the imposing figure of the 6ft 4in goalkeeper too inhibiting from the penalty spot. Beasant spread himself to achieve the perfect atonement, leaving Mansfield free to contemplate another Wembley route, via the defence of the Freight Rover, now the lugubriously renamed Sherpa Van Trophy.

MANSFIELD TOWN: K Hitchcock; M Graham, P Garner, A Lowery, G Foster, S Coleman, C McKernon (sub: I Stringfellow), J Ryan, K Kent, K Cassells, S Charles.
WIMBLEDON: D Beasant; C Goodyear, T Phelan, V Jones, B Gayle, A Thorn, D Wise, A Cork, J Fashanu, L Sanchez, J Scales.
Referee: H Taylor.

High praise for Gascoigne

By a Special Correspondent

Newcastle United 5
Swindon Town 0

Bobby Robson, the England manager, went to St James's Park to study the present form of Paul Gascoigne, the Newcastle United midfield player, who has pushed himself to the fringe of Robson's squad. Gascoigne scored twice and did not disappoint him, but Robson also left Tyneside with a healthy respect for a team he last saw when they were overwhelmed by Liverpool earlier in the season.

There was also a hint from Robson that Willie McFaul, the Newcastle manager, now has a side capable of a genuine assault on the FA Cup this season. Robson said: "They must fancy their chances. Why shouldn't they go ahead and win the cup?"

Robson's North-East roots do not make him a totally unbiased observer, but it is a view shared by Lou Macari, the Swindon manager, whose players were eventually exposed by Newcastle's greater pace and awareness, just as Macari feared would happen.

In the past two months, Newcastle have looked a compact and assured side, featuring several other players, notably Darren Jackson, who are growing in confidence and compensating for the shortage of goals from Mirandinha. The Brazilian did win a penalty — missed by McDonald — and set up the fifth goal for Goddard in the 88th minute, but he has scored just once in the last six matches and had little impact on Saturday's tie.

Instead, Newcastle relied on Gascoigne and Goddard for three of the goals, along with others from O'Neill and Jackson, two young midfield players who give McFaul optimism for the future, with or without Gascoigne.

The scoreline was harsh on Swindon, who were hit hardest by the timing of Gascoigne's goal — Newcastle's second — at the end of a first half where they had looked capable of causing an upset. Nobody could question Newcastle's right to a fifth-round place, however, and it is a measure of Newcastle's progress that McFaul's first reaction on Saturday was one of disappointment.

He said: "We have too many young players for me to start shouting the odds because they can build you up, then let you down."

NEWCASTLE UNITED: G Kelly; J Anderson, K Wharton, D Jackson, P Jackson, G Roeder, N Mcdonald, P Gascoigne, P Goddard, Mirandinha, M O'Neill.
SWINDON TOWN: N Hammond; D Hockaday, P King, C Kamara, T Parkin, C Calderwood, D Bamber, J Gittens, J Quinn, K O'Regan, S Foley.
Referee: A Seville.

Portsmouth in battle to prepare pitch

Ground staff at Portsmouth spent the weekend working on the Fratton Park pitch to enable today's delayed FA Cup fourth round tie against Sheffield United to go ahead. The game was postponed on Friday because of a waterlogged pitch and more heavy rain might force a second postponement.

Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, with a full squad to *chose from for the first time this* season, made no changes. Terry Connor, forward, is recalled as a substitute after his recovery from a hamstring injury.

For his first match in charge of Sheffield United, Dave Bassett will select from a squad of 16 which includes two members of the Yorkshire club's successful youth side, Paul Norton, goalkeeper, and a defender, Chris Downes.

Forest shaken then stirred

By David Powell

Leyton Orient 1
Nottingham Forest 2

A good big 'un will always beat a good little 'un and so it proved, even if it was difficult to tell which team was the good big 'un. Nottingham Forest were *spared greater ignominy than* Tottenham Hotspur because their goalkeeper had a blinder and their reserve No. 9 suddenly woke up to the fact that *something drastic was needed.*

"Our No. 9," as the Forest manager, Brian Clough, describes his son, did not make the team despite recovering from a hamstring injury. Nigel Clough's replacement, Glover, aged 17, scored the equalizer and played a part in the winner.

Frank Clark, the Leyton Orient manager, blamed loss of concentration for his team's defeat. A tie which began with great irony (the draw paired Clark with his former club and in opposition to his former manager) was decided by irony.

Orient's defence seemed to lose interest in defending because Forest's feeble efforts were denying them the chance to join in the fun. Had Forest been more persuasive, perhaps Orient's concentration would have held.

Having hit the bar twice in the thirteenth minute, through Plummer and Wilson, Forest *failed to threaten again for more* than three-quarters of an hour. Orient, ahead through a 51st minute goal deflected in by Wilkinson under pressure from *Juryeff, following Castle's free* kick, looked rampant.

With Orient pressing forward, a big kick from Sutton put Glover in possession. Smalley and Day were as slow-moving as the traffic jam leading into the nearby Blackwall Tunnel and Glover threaded his way through like a motor cyclist in a hurry. His shot was fierce and Wells could do no more than help it in. Five minutes later, after 72 minutes, Glover headed on to release Wilkinson. Wells saved his shot but the clearance went only as far as Plummer who welcomed an empty net.

Clark had said before the match that it was remarkable how a big FA Cup tie cleared the treatment room. Both Hales and Shinners failed to last the distance. This morning it will be not so much a case of back to the drawing board for his entertaining team as back to the treatment table.

LEYTON ORIENT: P Wells; T Howard, K Dickenson, M Smalley, K Day, K Godfrey, K Hales (sub: J Silton), S Castle, P Shinners (sub: A Hull), I Juryeff, A Comfort.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: S Sutton; S Chettle, S Pearce, D Walker, C Foster, T Wilson, C Plummer, N Webb, L Glover, P Wilkinson, T Gaynor.
Referee: G Courtney.

Self-belief puts Luton in line for Cup double

By Vince Wright

Luton Town 2
Southampton 1

Luton are on course to make a double appearance at Wembley after an absence of 29 years. They are fancied to reach the final of the Littlewoods Cup and their chances of doing the same in the FA Cup improved when they beat Southampton in Saturday's fourth round.

For a long time Luton's progress looked anything but certain. Then, goals in the 83rd and 84th minutes put them into today's fifth round draw and gave the match a more dramatic finish than it deserved. Ray Harford, the Luton manager, said that he did not mind who his team was paired with as long as it was at home. His confidence is not misplaced.

Luton's credentials for a cup run are a sound defence, a tenacious midfield and forwards who are capable of snatching victory from the jaws of defeat. But perhaps Luton's chief virtue is their self-belief, which is hardly surprising when you consider that they have won six of their last seven games.

Southampton, despite drawing with Liverpool and winning at Highbury and Old Trafford, are less sure of themselves — a fact that contributed to their defeat. In the words of their manager, Chris Nicholl, Southampton went from heroes to villains in the space of two minutes.

Luton were struggling to reply to Clarke's spectacular 71st minute goal when Southampton gave them a helping hand. Slack marking at a short corner taken by the substitute, Grimes, let in Allinson and his drive found the net via Statham.

Dismayed at the sudden turn of events, Southampton became even more disheartened when Luton took the lead in their next attack. The ball broke kindly in *the penalty area for Brian Stein* as Moore and Blake failed to clear and he tucked his shot wide of Burridge.

LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; T Breacker, R Johnson (sub: A Grimes), D McDonough, S Foster, M Donaghy, D Wilson, B Stein, M Harford, M Stein, I Allinson.
SOUTHAMPTON: J Burridge; G Forrest, D Statham, G Baker, K Moore, M Blake, G Hobson, G Cockerill, C Clarke, A Townsend, D Wallace.
Referee: D Vickers.

St Mirren give up Cup

Despite an uneven look to the *draw for the third round of the* Scottish Cup there was an excess of anxiety in store for the fancied teams (Roddy Forsyth writes).

Last season's winners, St Mirren, surrendered their hold on the trophy, losing 3-0 at home to Clydebank, while Celtic made heavy weather of *defeating Stranraer at Parkhead* by a solitary goal.

Dundee United swept past Arbroath 7-0, while Hearts were 3-1 *winners at Falkirk.* Dundee were held to a goalless result at home by Brechin City, Motherwell suffered a similar fate against Kilmarnock and Hibernian drew 0-0 at Dumbarton.

FOURTH ROUND DRAW: Hamilton v Aberdeen; Celtic v Dumbarton or Hibernian; Dunfermline Athletic or Ayr United v Raith Rovers or Rangers; Airdrie v Dundee United; Hearts v Morton; East Stirling v Clyde or Cowdenbeath; Clydebank v Forfar Athletic or Partick Thistle; Dundee or Brechin City v Motherwell or Kilmarnock.
Ties to be played on Saturday, February 20

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Cup
Fourth round

Barnsley	0	Birmingham	2
Blackpool	1	Man City	1
Bradford	4	Oxford	2
Brighton	1	Arsenal	2
Coventry	0	Watford	1
Everton	1	Middlesbrough	1
Leyton O	1	Notts For	2
Luton	2	Southampton	1
Man Utd	2	Chelsea	0
Mansfield	1	Wimbledon	2
Newcastle	5	Swindon	0
Plymouth	1	Shrewsbury	0
Port Vale	2	Tottenham	1
QPR	3	West Ham	1

Postponed: Portsmith v Sheffield United

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: All matches postponed.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 1, Ballymena 1: Cliftonville 1, Glentoran 1; Coleraine 4, Ards 2; Distillery 0, Glenavon 1; Larne 5, Newry 1; Linfield 1, Carrick 0; Portadown 2, Crusaders 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Bilston Town 1, Trowbridge Town 0; Dudley Town 0, Merthyr Tydfil (at Stourbridge) 1; Forest Green Rovers 1, Buckingham Town 1; Hednesford Town 1, Sutton Coldfield Town 3; Kings Lynn 2, Halesowen Town 2; Mile Oak Rovers 1, Banbury United 3; Moor Green 1, Grantham Town 3; Paget Rangers 0, Atherston United 3. All others postponed. Southern division: Andover 2, Dunstable 1; Baldock Town 3, Waterlooville 4; Poole Town 2, Sheppey United 2; Ruskip 2, Hastings Town 3. All others postponed.

WELSH FA CUP: Fourth round replay: Colwyn Bay 3, Newtown 1.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Telford United 2, Maldon Town 1; Halstead 2, Swabridgeworth 1. All others postponed.

NORTHERN PREMIER CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: Sutton Town 4, Workington 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Eastwood Town 0, Curzon Ashton 1; Farsley Celtic 1, Alfreton Town 1. All others postponed.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol City 4 Oclandown 0; Frome Town 1, Weston Super Mare 3; Mangotsfield United 3, Melksham Town 1; Minehead 1, Plymouth Argyle 3. All others postponed.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough 2, Bootle 2; Formby 4, Darwen 0; Kirkby Town 1, Glossop 0; Prescot Cables 1, St.Helens Town 3. Postponed: Salford v Colne Dynamoes.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Ipswich Town 1, Southend United 0; QPR 2, Cambridge United 0. Second division: Luton Town 4, Oxford United 2. All others postponed.

Second division

Ipswich	0	Blackburn	2
Reading	1	Leicester	2
West Brom	1	Leeds	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	30	16	10	4	48	24	58
Blackburn	29	15	9	5	42	27	54
Middlesbro	29	15	7	7	40	23	52
Crystal Pal	30	16	4	10	63	47	52
Millwall	29	16	4	9	49	36	52
Bradford	28	14	6	8	42	35	48
Hull	28	13	9	6	41	34	48
Leeds Utd	30	13	8	9	42	38	47
Ipswich	29	13	7	9	40	29	46
Man City	29	12	6	11	57	43	42
Swindon	26	12	5	9	48	36	41
Barnsley	27	11	6	10	42	36	39
Plymouth	29	11	6	12	48	45	39
Stoke	29	11	6	12	36	39	39
Oldham	29	10	7	12	35	38	37
Birmingham	29	9	8	12	30	45	35
Bournemth	28	8	7	13	37	45	31
Sheff Utd	29	8	6	15	32	51	30
Leicester	28	7	7	14	36	42	28
Shrewsbry	30	5	11	14	26	41	26
WBA	30	7	5	18	34	54	26
Reading	28	6	8	16	30	50	24
Huddersfld	29	4	8	17	31	68	20

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham	1	Welling	0
Cheltenham	1	Boston	5
ENFIELD	1	MACCLSFD	2
KIDMINSTR	1	WEYMTH	0
NRTHWICH	2	BATH	1
TELFORD	2	BARNET	4

Postponed: Dagenham v Runcorn, Fisher v Wycombe; Lincoln v Mardstone; Sutton Utd v Kettering; Weakdstone v Stafford.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor Regis Town 0, Windsor and Eton 1; Carshalton Athletic 1, Leytonstone and Ilford 1; Yeovil Town 2, Kingstonian 0. First division: Chesham Utd 1, Bracknell Town 1; Marlow 4, *Wolverton Town 0; Staines Town 1,* Walthamstow Avenue 1; Worthing 1, Basildon United 3. All others postponed. Second division north: Barton Rovers 0, Hertford Town 3; Berkhamsted Town 1, Clapton 1; Royston Town 5, Haringey Borough 4. Second division south: Camberley Town 2, Harefield Utd 4; Chalfont St.Peter 1, Horsham 0 (abandoned 1; Dorking 2, Southall 0; Newbury Town 2, Whyteleafe 1. All others postponed.

Third division

Bury	2	Chesterfield	0
Chester	1	Rotherham	0
Northampton	1	Wigan	1
Notts Co	5	Fulham	1
Preston	1	Southend	1
Sunderland	2	Gillingham	1
Walsall	2	York	1

Postponed: Brentford v Grimsby; Bristol R v Bristol City.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderlnd	28	18	7	3	57	25	61
Notts Cnty	29	16	9	4	59	31	57
Walsall	29	15	9	5	45	30	54
Wigan	28	15	8	5	47	35	53
Brentford	28	13	8	7	36	32	47
Northmptn	30	11	12	7	43	32	45
Brighton	27	11	11	5	36	29	44
Bristol City	27	12	7	8	50	44	43
Bury	30	10	11	9	45	43	41
Gillingham	29	9	11	9	54	39	38
Fulham	29	10	7	12	42	42	37
Aldershot	27	11	4	12	45	47	37
Blackpool	28	9	9	8	38	28	36
Chester	29	8	11	10	35	42	35
Rotherham	28	8	10	11	35	43	34
Preston	30	8	10	12	29	40	34
Chesterfld	28	10	4	14	25	45	34
Mansfield	26	9	7	11	32	32	31
Port Vale	27	8	7	12	32	35	31
Bristol R	28	8	6	12	42	47	30
Grimsby	28	8	5	15	35	42	29
Southend	30	6	10	14	42	64	28
Doncaster	29	7	5	17	27	51	26
York	29	2	8	19	28	61	14

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 3, Tow Law 3; Bishop Auckland 5, Consett 2; Ferryhill Athletic 0, Whitby Town 0; Gretna 1, Newcastle Blue Star 2; North Shields 2, Gateshead 1; Penrith 0, Ryhope 0, Chester le Street 1; Whitley Bay 1, South Bank 1. Second division: Bedlington Terriers 0, Billingham Town 3; Ewanwood town 1, Willington 5; Horden CW 2, Cleveland Bridge 0; Northallerton Town 3, Langley Park 1; Norton 1, Esh Winning 0; West Auckland 6, Ashington 2. Postponed: Seaham Red Star v Alnwick Town; Stockton v Durham City.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Ascoli 1, Napoli 3; Avellino 1, Verona 0; Cesana 0,Roma 0; Fiorentina 1, Milan 1; Internazionale 1, *Como 0; Juventus 4, Empoli 0;* Pisa 2, Pescara 0; Sampdoria 1, Torino 1. Leading positions: 1, Napoli, played 17,29pts; 2, AC Milan, 17, 25; 3, Roma, 17, 23.

Fourth division

Cardiff	4	Cambridge	0
Exeter City	0	Tranmere	1
Hartlpool	0	Swansea	2
Hereford	2	Carlisle	0
Peterborough	0	Bolton	4
Scarborough	3	Colchester	1
Scunthorpe	0	Wolves	1

Postponed: Halifax v Wrexham; Torquay v Darlington.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	27	16	6	5	46	21	54
Leyton O	28	13	9	6	58	38	48
Cardiff	27	13	8	6	40	28	47
Colchester	28	14	5	9	37	23	47
Bolton	28	13	7	8	39	27	46
Torquay	28	13	6	7	41	27	45
Darlington	28	13	6	9	48	39	45
Scunthorpe	28	11	10	7	37	30	43
Swansea	30	12	7	11	44	40	43
Scarboro	28	11	8	9	38	33	41
Hartlepool	29	10	11	8	33	31	41
Burnley	28	12	5	11	35	42	41
Cambridge	28	11	5	12	35	36	38
Crewe	28	8	13	7	40	35	37
Peterboro	28	10	8	12	33	40	38
Hereford	29	9	9	11	27	34	36
Tranmere	29	11	4	14	36	35	35
Halifax	27	9	9	9	32	32	35
Exeter	29	8	8	13	35	41	32
Wrexham	27	9	5	13	31	36	32
Stockport	29	7	8	14	29	40	29
Rochdale	30	6	11	13	29	57	29
Carlisle	29	7	6	16	41	60	27
Newport	28	4	4	20	24	61	16

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Bohemians 0, Galway United 1; Cork City 1, Dundalk 0 (abandoned); Bray Wanderers 0, Derry City 1; Limerick 0, Shamrock Rovers 4; Shelbourne 2, St Patrick's Athletic 0; Sligo Rovers 0, Waterford United 2.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Sabadell 1, Atletico Madrid 1; Real Mallorca 0, Athletic Bilbao 1; Logrones 2, Valencia 1; Celta 3, *Espanol 0; Real Betis 0,* Sevilla 1; Barcelona 1, Las Palmas 1; Real Murcia 1, Osasuna 0; Real Valladolid 2, Sporting 0; Real Madrid 4, Cadiz 0. Postponed: Real Sociedad v Real Zaragoza. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, played 20, 34pts; 2, Atletico Madrid, 20, 28; 3, Real Sociedad 19, 27; 4, Athletic Bilbao, 20,25.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Betis 0, Seville 1; Postponed: Real Sociedad v Real Zaragoza.

Scottish Cup
Third round

Arbroath	0	Dundee U	7
Celtic	1	Stranraer	0
Clyde	0	Cowdenbeath	0
Dumbarton	0	Hibernian	0
Dundee	0	Brechin	0
Dunfermline	1	Ayr	1
East Fife	1	Airdrie	2
Falkirk	1	Hearts	3
GALA F	3	E Stirlng	5
Motherwell	0	Kilmarnock	0
Queen of Sth	1	Morton	2
S JOHNSTNE	0	Aberdeen	1
S Mirren	0	Clydebank	3

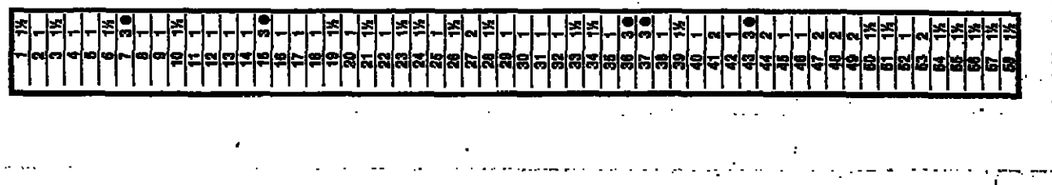
Postponed: Forfar v Partick; Raith v Rangers.

Scottish second division

Albion Rov	0	Berwick	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ayr Utd	24	19	3	2	65	18	41
St Johnstne	23	15	6	2	45	13	36
Queens Park	24	13	5	6	41	28	31
Brechin	24	13	5	6	34	23	31
Stirling A	24	10	7	7	35	35	27
Albion R	25	8	9	8	30	37	25
E Stirling	24	7	10	7	31	32	24
Montrose	24	9	5	10	31	31	23
Arbroath	24	7	9	8	39	41	23
Allos	23	9	3	11	31	30	21
Cowdenbth	24	4	9	11	34	52	17
Stenhsmuir	24	5	5	14	24	43	15
Stranraer	24	3	5	16	24	48	11
Berwick	25	4	3	18	22	54	11

POOLS CHECK



Player dies

Questions surround the death of Steven King, aged 29, during an abandoned Vauxhall-Opel League match against Horsham when the Chalfont St Peter goalkeeper collapsed after jumping for a cross.

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FOOTBALL

McClair's dash puts United in fair light

By Martin Searby

Manchester United..... 2
Chelsea..... 0

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, has all his hopes of a success this season pinned on the FA Cup, but if they are to bear fruit more of his players must follow the example set by McClair whose boundless enthusiasm for work ensured that he was the central figure.

The Scot more than compensated for missing a penalty in the seventh minute by providing the cross for the first goal and then starting and finishing the move which laid Chelsea to rest 20 minutes from time.

The flashy skills of Olsen and Strachan are too spasmodic to pose threats to sides with greater power than Chelsea, while Robson's penetrating passes grow fewer. There are doubts too about the reliability of Hogg and Bruce, although they were hardly troubled by Dixon who now lacks the perception, pace and control to restore his goalscoring reputation.

Chelsea carved out vast chunks of possession in the second half, but singularly failed to turn the initiative into a single threat on Turner's goal. In contrast Freestone was quite magnificent, turning McClair's penalty onto the post and twice saving shots from Blackmore and Olsen.

Clarke, who fouled Whiteside to concede the penalty, was again at fault when United first scored. Blackmore swung the point of attack from right to left and McClair put over a cross for Whiteside to nod beyond Freestone as the defender misjudged the flight.

United seemed content with that lead and a better side than Chelsea would have made them pay for such laxity. Chelsea instead were consistently caught on the break and Strachan and Olsen should have scored before the admirable McClair.

A Chelsea attack broke down on the United byline where Strachan fed McClair. He threaded a splendid pass to Blackmore who sent Strachan away. As the attack swept into the Chelsea half and the ball came back into the middle, McClair, having run 50 yards, took the ball in his stride. As three defenders closed, he aimed a left foot shot into the corner.

The red end of the biggest crowd of the season at Old Trafford were pleased at the outcome if not likely to imagine that a side that shuns work can be serious trophy contenders. Chelsea must once again gather round the drawing board to work out how to lift their spirits.

MANCHESTER UNITED: C Turner; V Anderson, M Duxbury; 4S Bruce, C Blackmore (sub: L O'Brady), G Hogg; B Robson, G Strachan, S McClair, N Whiteside, J Olsen.
CHELSEA: R Freestone; S Clarke, A Dongo; C Pates, J McLaughlin, D Wood; K McAllister (sub: P Nevin), J Bumstead (sub: M Hazard), K Dixon, K Wilson, C Wilson.
Referee: B Hill.

Everton fear of fatigue

By Ian Ross

Everton..... 1
Middlesbrough..... 1

If Everton do reach their fourth FA Cup Final in five years, it will be worth wagering a few pounds on their opponents from whatever division they may hail. If the Merseysiders maintain this rate of progress in the competition, any pre-Wembley preparations will be best undertaken in a rest home.

Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, said: "We are doing it the hard way." His accompanying smile was far from convincing as Everton fear the consequences of stretching their players beyond natural limits.

Whether it is fair to ask footballers to negotiate three taxing fixtures in six days is not for Harvey to argue, but in 1985, when he was first team coach under Howard Kendall, Harvey watched Everton surrender the chance of claiming a unique treble by losing the FA Cup to Manchester United. Four days Kendall's side won the European Cup Winners' Cup against Rapid Vienna in Rotterdam.

What should then have been their crowning glory was denied as much by battle fatigue as Whiteside's goal deep in extra time.

What gives Harvey concern now is Wednesday night's replay at Ayresome Park and the Littlewoods Cup semi-final first leg against Arsenal at Goodison Park on Sunday when his players should be enjoying a week of rest.

Middlesbrough offer Everton with no respite with grievances for not having settled the tie at the first attempt. They offered Everton a fiercely contested game – as befits a team with all the right credentials to win promotion. Superbly organized at the back where Pallister, the most cultured defender outside of the first division, was again impeccable, they ran lethargic Everton ragged and must have been mystified as to how they found themselves in arrears

when Sharp turned home from an acute angle after Mowbray sliced a Snodin cross over the head of Pears, his goalkeeper.

The replay guaranteed two minutes after half-time when Kerr drove home a Hamilton cross from close range seconds after Ripley had struck the foot of a post.

EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, N Pointon, P Van Den Hauwe, D Watson, P Reid, T Steven, A Heath, G Sharp, I Snodin, A Harper. (sub: W Clarke).
MIDDLESBROUGH: S Pears; D Glover, C Cooper, T Mowbray, G Parkinson, G Pallister, B Slaven, S Ripley, G Hamilton, P Kerr, B Laws.
Referee: K Barratt.

CRICKET: AUSTRALIANS TOIL AS GATTING'S BOWLERS TURN THE SCREW ON THE THIRD DAY OF THE BICENTENNIAL TEST

The guests taking over the party

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Sydney

Union Jacks were waved relentlessly on the Sydney Hill yesterday, registering the glad news that England's winter expedition is at last back on course after various unplanned diversions into scandal and failure.

Australia, eagerly anticipating a new dawn for their cricket team, were thrust back into darkness, their buoyancy punctured by an England exhibition of spirit and professionalism – trusted old virtues which had been sadly mislaid in recent months.

The Bicentennial Test match is three days old and England have won every round. Only their knock-out punch remained to be tested when bad light curtailed play 10 minutes after tea with Australia, on 164 for seven, still needing 62 runs to avoid the follow-on. As the pitch was supporting spin, not abruptly but consistently, and also offering some uneven bounce, a welcome degree of optimism was merited.

Depth and solidity of batting have been Australia's major ally during their recent revival. Here, however, they have been undermined by some curiously careless shots as much as by England's demanding bowling. Each of the five bowlers played a part. Foster made the initial breakthrough; Capel drew yet more comparisons with Botham by taking two wickets with indifferent balls; the spinners were never played with ease, although Emburey remained luckless; and Dilley, who had looked a shade innocuous early on, roared in just before tea with the afternoon wind at his back to bowl the two most hostile and eventful overs of the game.

England's score of 425 had been compiled at no great speed but with a pleasing thoroughness, Broad playing the major innings but everyone else contributing usefully. It was destined to be difficult for Australia after that but not as difficult as they made it appear.

On a morning of debilitating heat and humidity, there were almost 30,000 in the ground and a large proportion were English, including one group with a banner proclaiming Longparish as national village champions. My predecessor would have been proud. The visitors soon had success to enthuse over as Boon, the most improved opener in the world over the past 12 months, was utterly defeated by a lifting ball from Foster which cut back sharply to take a glove.

Capel's first over was the 19th of the innings, and his fourth delivery accounted for Marsh, trying to glance and only nudging a leg-side delivery to French. Border seemed impatient, pulling vainly at his first ball. Five overs later, Capel switched ends, dropped short again and Border, not balanced for the shot, targeted his pull obligingly to Broad at long leg.

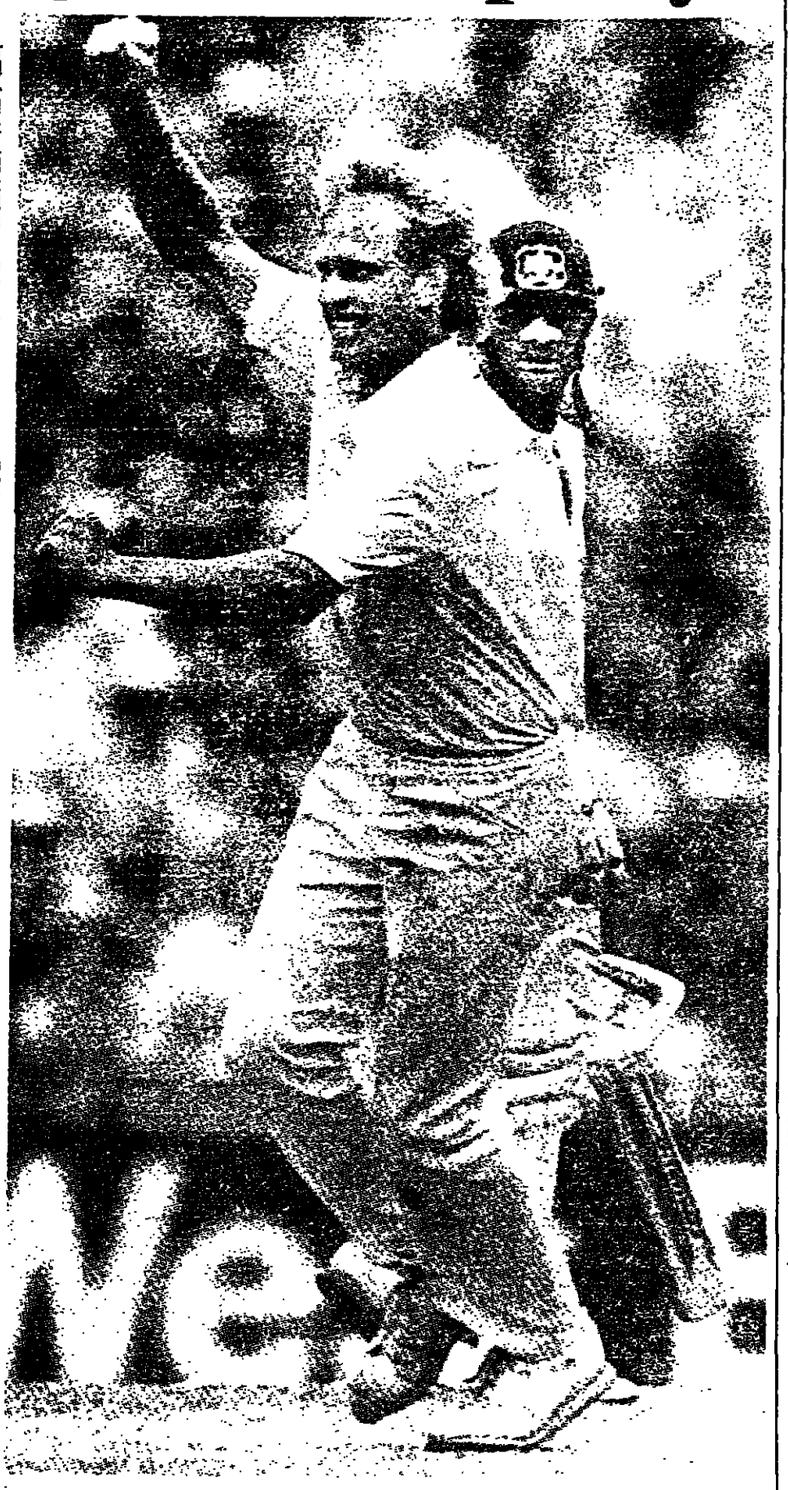
Australia were deep in the mire at 34 for three but they might have stumbled on an escape route as England now suffered their only slipshod spell of the day. Jones was missed at short leg, by Emburey off Hemmings, and reprieved again when French fumbled a stumping he would normally complete in his sleep. Veletta also had a slice of luck, Robinson spilling a diving catch at mid-wicket, but for him relief was short-lived. An over later he swept at Hemmings and the ball looped to backward short leg off the back of his bat.

Jones and Waugh, the two young lions of Australian cricket, were now together in a crucial partnership. Their styles contrast absorbingly; Jones refuses to be caged by the spinners, uses his feet nimbly and swings the bat lavishly, while the immaculate Waugh plays everything from the crease, cautious and circumspect.

Having reached 50 with a lofted on-drive against Emburey, Jones perished in the same way as Veletta. The Australian crowd now took umbrage at their team's decline, first indulging in the dreaded Mexican wave and then throwing torn newspaper into the gusting wind and thence onto the ground. Play was held up for several minutes; when it resumed, Gatting, who captained astutely throughout, rested Hemmings after 17 unchanged overs and recalled Dilley. It was an inspired move.

There was a verve and aggression in Dilley's approach which had earlier been lacking and his first ball surprised Waugh for speed and took the edge, French plunging to his right for an acrobatic one-handed catch. Dyer, his nose stitched following a wicketkeeping accident on Saturday, was ill at ease and, in Dilley's next over, palpably lbw playing across a full length ball.

The tea interval came to Australia's aid like the bell to a groggy boxer and they were spared further exposure to Dilley by the failing weather.



Dilley delight: The England fast bowler signals the end of Waugh, caught behind by French

SCOREBOARD FROM SYDNEY

England won toss

ENGLAND
First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
B C Broad b Waugh	139	–	13	433	361
M D Moxon b Sleep	40	–	3	154	119
R T Robinson c Veletta b Dodemaide	43	–	4	140	120
*M W Gatting c Dyer b Waugh	13	–	1	108	53
C W J Athey c and b Taylor	37	–	4	109	81
D J Capel c Sleep b Taylor	21	–	2	99	78
J E Emburey st Dyer b Sleep	23	–	4	71	59
B N French st Dyer b Taylor	47	–	3	115	94
N A Foster c Border b Taylor	19	–	3	30	24
E E Hemmings not out	8	–	0	52	38
G R Dilley b Waugh	13	–	1	23	19
Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 1, nb 8)	22				
Total (172.5 overs)	425				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-192, 3-245, 4-262, 5-313, 6-314, 7-346, 8-387, 9-410.
BOWLING: McDermott 35-8-65-0 (nb 6, w 1); Dodemaide 38-10-98-1 (nb 3);Taylor 34-10-84-4; Waugh 22.5-5-51-3; Sleep 45-8-114-2.

AUSTRALIA
First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
D C Boon c French b Foster	12	–	2	55	48
G R Marsh c French b Capel	5	–	–	77	49
D M Jones c Emburey b Hemmings	56	–	4	180	125
*A R Border c Broad b Capel	2	–	–	21	15
M R J Veletta c Emburey b Hemmings	22	–	1	66	46
S R Waugh c French b Dilley	27	–	2	89	85
P R Sleep not out	20	–	1	66	47
G C Dyer lbw b Dilley	0	–	–	10	7
P L Taylor not out	7	–	–	13	16
Extras (lb 7, w 1, nb 5)	13				
Total (7 wickets, 72 overs)	164				

A I C Dodemaide, C J McDermott to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-25, 3-34, 4-82, 5-116, 6-147, 7-153.
BOWLING: Dilley 11-3-35-2 (nb 5, w 1); Foster 14-4-19-1; Emburey 23-8-44-0; Capel 6-3-13-2; Hemmings 18-3-48-2.
Umpires: A R Crafter and P J McConnell.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Complaint follows Lydon's winner

By Keith Macklin

Although there were no surprises in the first round ties of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, there may be repercussions from Saturday's closely-fought game between **Wigan** and **Bradford Northern.**

Wigan scraped through 2-0 on a muddy pitch with a penalty goal from Joe Lydon which has caused a storm of controversy in the Northern ranks. Indeed, the Bradford directors are threatening to approach the Rugby League with two complaints, though they admit that the chances of overriding the result are slim.

Northern allege that Lydon's penalty kick was taken from the wrong position on the field and referred to the fact that the sand was taken on for Lydon's successful kick by Andy Goodway, the Wigan forward who was suspended, and, therefore, should not have been allowed on the field.

Northern were also unlucky in the second half when a penalty effort by Keith Mumby hit an upright, but Wigan dominated the game territorially and deserved to win.

In yesterday's games **Leigh** came closest to a shock result against **St Helens.** Leigh led 12-6 early in the second half following two fine tries by John Kerr, but the Saints hit back with tries from Quirk, Veivers and Elia to win before a near-10,000 crowd.

Leeds had to withstand a great second half comeback by **Castleford** before going through 22-14 before more than 14,000 at Headingley. Leeds were ahead 16-4 at the interval.

The cup holders, **Halifax,** emphasize the huge gulf in class by beating the amateurs **Heworth** 60-4 at York, George scoring four tries and Anderson three. Heworth's consolation is a share of £5,000 from the gate.

SILK CUT CUP: First round: Dewsbury 10, Widnes 38; Doncaster 18, Batley 10; Featherstone 32 York, 21; Fulham 4, Mansfield 16; Heworth 4, Halifax 60; Hull KR 14, Carlisle 6; Hunslet 10, Hull 27; Keighley 30, Workington 4; Leeds 22, Castleford 14; Leigh 12, St Helens 22; Rochdale 6, Barrow 4, Runcorn 6, Springfield 8; Salford 16, Swinton 6; Wakefield 10, Sheffield 14; Warrington 12, Oldham 6.
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Huddersfield 16, Whitehaven 15.

BOXING

University standards improving

The standard of boxing at university level has continued to show improvement, according to David James, a former England and Great Britain coach (Srikumar Sen writes). James, who organized the Universities and Hospitals Championships at Bath University on Saturday, said that the quality of the boxing impressed ABA officials. "Some officials thought it was the best show ever, and would have graced a club show," James said.

University College, Dublin, won the Harry Preston Trophy for the best team though they were pressed by Galway and Oxford, who finished second and third respectively. Robin Duggan, of Oxford, took the prize for the boxer with the best technical ability. He outpointed Brian Donohoe, of Galway, in the welterweight final. The most exciting bout was at middleweight between Tom O'Hare, of Galway, who beat Roys Poyiadjis, of Kent, in a boxer against a puncher affair.

RESULTS: Featherweight: K Smith (UCD) bt L Snarkey (Aberdeen), pts. Light: K Cleary (Cork) bt K Ramcharan (Glasgow), pts. Light-welter: K Batten (UCD) wo. Welter: R Duggan (Oxford) bt B Donohoe (Galway), pts: Light-middle: 2nd Lt A Daly (RMA, Sandhurst) bt C McMicking (Aberdeen), ko 2nd. Middle: T O'Hare (Galway) bt R Poyiadjis (Kent), pts. Light-heavy: C McCoubrey (Liverpool) bt D Owens (Galway), pts; Heavy: 2nd Lt V Gysen (RMA, Sandhurst) bt Lt C Evans (RMCS, Shrivenham), pts.

CYCLO-CROSS

Swiss checked in mud

From Peter Bryan, Hagendorf, Switzerland

The snows finally came to Switzerland yesterday to blind and chill riders in the junior world championship, which officials had wisely reduced to 12 kilometres overnight because Saturday's senior amateur event had turned the course into a quagmire.

But, while the snowfall may have made the local skiers happy, it served only to make the championship circuit more glutinous, providing the advantage to those with running skills.

Both amateur events were won with long sustained solo efforts: the new senior champion, Karel Camrda, of Czechoslovakia, is a runner turned rider and the junior champion, Thomas Frischknecht, of Switzerland, had had the bonus of four months training with the national squad on the circuit.

The pro-race was a three-man affair for half the 15-mile distance when Pascal Richard rode away to victory from the Dutch road man, Adrie Van de Poel, to win Switzerland's second gold of the day.

Camrda was only drafted into the squad 48 hours beforehand because of the heavy going. His cycle control and determination won the day. Not many riders claim gold in their first world championship.

Kim Gould was Britain's top finisher, an outstanding ninth, and the best result achieved by a home rider since 1971.

RESULTS: Juniors (six miles): 1, T Frischknecht (Switz), 44min 13sec; 2, M Muller (WG), at 23 sec; 3, D Reh (Cz), at 1:05. British: 18, I Wright; 28, L Farreday; 32, C Lehay; 44, M Bol. Team: 1, Switzerland, 12 pts. 9, Britain, 78. Amateurs (11 miles): 1, K Camrda (Cz), 1hr 1min 27sec; 2, R Honegger (Switz), at 25sec; 3, H Djernis (Den), at 1:08. British: 9, T Gould; 30, C Young; 37, D Baker; 42, B Clarke. Professionals (15 miles): 1, P Richard (Switz), 1hr 20min 58sec; 2, A van der Poel (Neth), at 1:40; 3, B Breu (Switz), at 4:10.

HOCKEY

Avon are pipped at the post

Gloucestershire won the women's county indoor tournament at the Link Centre, Swindon on Saturday, beating Avon into second place by the narrowest of margins (Joyce Whitehead writes).

The tournament, for teams from the western area, proved a great success. At the end of play, Gloucestershire, level on points and goal difference, won the title on goals scored. Gloucestershire scored 19, Avon 14.

Dorset showed considerable persistence against Devon though they lost 1–2.

RESULTS: Avon 3, Wiltshire 0; Gloucestershire 5, Dorset 1; Devon 2, Cornwall 1; Gloucestershire 7, Wiltshire 3; Avon 3, Devon 0; Dorset 5, Wiltshire 1; Gloucestershire 3, Cornwall 0; Avon 3, Dorset 1; Wiltshire 8, Cornwall 5; Devon 5, Wiltshire 1; Gloucestershire 1, Avon 1; Cornwall 2, Dorset 2; Gloucestershire 3, Devon 2; Devon 2, Dorset 1; Avon 4, Cornwall 0.

HOCKEY

Holder's skill decisive

By Sydney Friskin

East Grinstead, the holders, thrilled the packed stands at the Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall, Cambridge, with their speed and skills in the qualifying round of the Royal Bank National Indoor Club Championship yesterday

In two pool one matches the champions ran up a total of 19 goals, beating **Richmond** 8-1, and **Sheffield** 11-1, Clift scoring five goals (four from corners) against Richmond and four against Sheffield. Wells gave Richmond the lead, Craft obtaining Sheffield's only goal.

Doncaster beat Sheffield 5-2 and Richmond 8-2. In the match against Sheffield O'Hara (3), Rowlands and West scored for Doncaster, Anderson scoring twice for Sheffield. O'Hara scored another three against Richmond.

In pool two **St Albans,** last year's runners up, beat **Fareham** 7-5, and **Southgate** 3-2, both matches providing exciting finishes. St Albans were without Rowley who fractured his right hand on Saturday. Southgate had earlier beaten **Southport** 7-1.

RESULTS: Cambridge: Pool I: E Grinstead 8, Richmond 1; E Grinstead 11, Sheffield 1; Doncaster 5, Sheffield 2; Doncaster 8, Richmond 2. Pool II: St Albans 7, Fareham 5; Southgate 7, Southport 1; St Albans 3, Southgate 2. Worcester: Pool IIB: Harborne 5, Pickwick 4; Harborne 10, Warrington 4, Warrington 7, RAF Support Command 0. Pool IV: Bournville 5, Cheltenham 2; Coventry and North Warwickshire 7, Wisbech 4. Swindon Pool V: Firebrands 4, Royal Navy Plymouth Command 2. Pool VI: Blackheath 5, Oxford Hawks 1. Maidenhead: Pool VII: Beckenham 5, Westcliff 3; Slough 4, Watton 3. Pool VIII: O Loughtonians 8, O Bordenians 1.
● Cambridge University beat Teddington 4-3 in the Pizza Express London League at Coldham's Common on Saturday. Teddington led 3-2 with seven minutes to go when Cambridge capitalized twice on corner situations.

BASKETBALL

Tigers finish on top in bruising battle

MIM Livingston left for home on Saturday deeply critical of the tactics employed against them by Bracknell Tigers, who won a bruising match by 106-101 (Julian Desborough writes).

Joedy Gardner, the Livingston coach, said: "I felt sorry for the fans who come to watch skilful basketball. We weren't allowed to play. Bracknell beat us the only way they could, by physical intimidation, in the hope that key players would foul out."

He meant Way, who left the game with 13 minutes to go. Collier and Fleming who joined him on the bench with two minutes left. Bracknell also lost two men, Hayles and Gordon.

SCORERS: Bracknell: Pollit 25, Scantlebury 18, Kellydrew 18, Gordon 16. MIM Livingston: Fleming 26, Young 23, Maclean 18, Collier 17.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

REGENTS PARK: Stock Exchange 7 miles road walking championship: 1, A James (Cazenove), 54:25; 2, D Jennings (Lloyds Bank Subscription), 54:48; 3, D Stevens (Cazenove), 57:46. Teams: 1, Cazenove, 6; 2, James Capel, 18; 3, Hasetine Moss, 21.
SAN SEBASTIAN: International 10km cross-country: 1, J Nuzki (Ger), 31:min,42sec; 2, B Debele (Eth), 31:48; 3, P Kipkoech (Ken), 32:25.
OSAKA: Osaka women's international marathon: 1, L Martin (Aus), 2hr 23min 51sec; 2, M Miyahara (Japan), 2:29:37; 3, K Araki (Japan), 2:31:40.
NEWPORT: Lliswerry 8 mile road race: 1, S Brace (Bridgend), 39min 22sec (course record); 2, G Rowlands (Bridgend), 39.33; 3, S Brown (Cheltenham H), 41.02. Veterans: E Lee (Pegasus, Cardiff), 41.02. Teams: Club (6): Bridgend, 78pts. Women: 1, C Macleod (Edinburgh), 44:55 (course record); 2, S Graham (Torfaen), 47.48; 3, D Chick (Neath H), 47.50. Veterans: I Lee (Gloucester), 50.43.
Lliswerry 3 mile road race: 1, M Healey (Lliswerry), 13:05; 2, M Dixon (Mercury), 13.51; 3, G Penny (Bristol), 13.59. Women: J Found (Yate and District), 15:15.
CANTERBURY: 10 Miles road race: 1, D Clarke (Hercules Wimbledon), 47min 25sec; 2, P Barr (Basildon), 48:54; 3, K Penny (Cambridge H), 49:55. Veterans: B Watson (South Kent H), 51:57. Teams: 1, Cambridge H, 28pts; 2, Hastings, 36; 3, South Kent H, 54. Women: 1, S Catford (Leeds City), 55:05 (course record); 2, G Penny (Cambridge H), 56:27; 3, P Shore (Burnham Joggers), 58:36.
STUTTGART: Indoor world meetings: Men: 1,000m: 1, A Harriss (WG), 2min 22.78sec; 2, M Leenars (Neth), 2:23.27; 3, D Mack (US), 2:23.29. 60m: 1, M Witherspoon (US), 6.75; 2, E Oberg (GB), 6.77; 3, H Glance (US), 6.79. 800m: 1, R Druppers (Neth), 1:46.55; 2, T Morrell (GB), 1:46.71; 3, G Kilbert (Switz), 1:47.56. 400m: 1, M Franks (US), 46.19; 2, D Everett (US), 46.31; 3, W McCoy (US), 46.50. 1,500m: 1, D Baumann (WG), 3:39.32; 2, A Pascoe (GB), 3:39.40; 3, S Brand (WG), 3:39.64. 200m: 1, J Butler (US), 20.68; 2, C Lewis (US), 20.83; 3, C Smith (US), 21.10. Long jump: 1, L Myricks (US), 8.12m; 2, R Emmiyan (USSR), 8.00; 3, D Hisl (WG), 7.86. 3,000m: 1, M Heiksseimer (Switz), 7:50.57; 2, M Guldberg (Den), 7:53.51; 3, H Kolbay (Nor), 7:56.19. 60 hurdles: 5, M O'Brien, 7.57.43. Pole vault: 1, S Bubka (USSR), 5.80; 2, T Vigneron (Fr), 5.70; 3, P Collet (Fr), 5.70. Women: Long jump: 1, H Rieckie (EG), 6.74m; 2, M Ibu (Rom), 6.65; 3, J Feige (WG), 6.34. 800m: 1, G Lasch (WG), 2:02.96; 2, S Nolte (WG), 2:05.46; 3, U Tusshaus (WG), 2:05.85. 1,500m: 1, Junghiatu (Rom), 4:05.95; 2, E van Hulst (Neth), 4:06.46; 3, V Michalak (WG), 4:06.61. 3,000m: 1, N Fiere-Cooman (Neth), 7.21; 2, E Ashford (US), 7.22; 3, G Siebert (EG), 7.36. Shot: 1, C Losch (WG), 20.47; 2, I Plotzcke (WG), 19.71; 3, L Mishes (Rom), 18.29; 4, J Oakes (GB), 18.12. High jump: 1, S Kostadinova (Bul), 2.01; 2, G Quenz (EG), 2.01; 3, S Beyer (EG), 1.95. 200m: 1, E Kasprzyk (Pol), 22.93; 2, L Leatherwood-King (US), 23.73; 3, C Sussiek (WG), 24.41.

YACHTING

BUENOS AIRES: World Star Class Championship: Overall (after sixth and final race): 1, P Cayard (US), 21pts; 2, M Reynolds (US), 36; 3, E Adams (US), 42.4; 4, A Hagen (WG), 44; 5, J Grael (Br), 58.4.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Friday: Philadelphia 76ers 94, Indiana Pacers 89; Detroit Pistons 125, Boston Celtics 108; Dallas Mavericks 117, Seattle SuperSonics 109; Chicago Bulls 120, New Jersey Nets 93; Milwaukee Bucks 97, Los Angeles Clippers 86; Los Angeles Lakers 117, Atlanta Hawks 107; Portland Trail Blazers 128, Phoenix Suns 119; Golden State Warriors 102, Utah Jazz 100. Saturday: Cleveland Cavaliers 128, Washington Bullets 126 (OT); New Jersey Nets 116, Detroit Pistons 104; Chicago Bulls 97, New York Knicks 95 (OT); Houston Rockets 108, Dallas Mavericks 92; San Antonio Spurs 112, Seattle SuperSonics 102 (OT); Denver Nuggets 124, Los Angeles Clippers 106; Sacramento Kings 126, Phoenix Suns 120; Atlanta Hawks 115, Utah Jazz 108. CANADIAN LEAGUE: Bolton and Bury 77 (Crosby 24, Woods 15, Pears 12), Calderdale 106 (Findlay 34, Johnson 21, Harris 16); Bracknell 106 (Polis 25, Scantlebury 18, Kellybrew and Gordon 16), Livingston 101 (Fleming 26, Young 23, Maclean 19); Portsmouth 124 (Cunningham 30, Irish 25, Strong 18), Sunderland 87 (Saunders 34, Lynch 20); Solent 100 (Smith 43, Sewell 23, Scott 19), Birmingham 111 (Gatsner 41, Rowe 22, Maughun 20); Leicester 124 (Vaughan 42, Lloyd 23, Belogun 17), Oldham 88 (Lewis 20, P Barr (Basildon), 48:54; 3, K Penny (Cambridge H), 49:55. Veterans: B Watson (South Kent H), 51:57. Teams: 1, Cambridge H, 28pts; 2, Hastings, 36; 3, South Kent H, 54. Women: 1, S Catford (Leeds City), 55:05 (course record); 2, G Penny (Cambridge H), 56:27; 3, P Shore (Burnham Joggers), 58:36.
STUTTGART: Indoor world meetings: Men: 1,000m: 1, A Harriss (WG), 2min 22.78sec; 2, M Leenars (Neth), 2:23.27; 3, D Mack (US), 2:23.29. 60m: 1, M Witherspoon (US), 6.75; 2, E Oberg (GB), 6.77; 3, H Glance (US), 6.79. 800m: 1, R Druppers (Neth), 1:46.55; 2, T Morrell (GB), 1:46.71; 3, G Kilbert (Switz), 1:47.56. 400m: 1, M Franks (US), 46.19; 2, D Everett (US), 46.31; 3, W McCoy (US), 46.50. 1,500m: 1, D Baumann (WG), 3:39.32; 2, A Pascoe (GB), 3:39.40; 3, S Brand (WG), 3:39.64. 200m: 1, J Butler (US), 20.68; 2, C Lewis (US), 20.83; 3, C Smith (US), 21.10. Long jump: 1, L Myricks (US), 8.12m; 2, R Emmiyan (USSR), 8.00; 3, D Hisl (WG), 7.86. 3,000m: 1, M Heiksseimer (Switz), 7:50.57; 2, M Guldberg (Den), 7:53.51; 3, H Kolbay (Nor), 7:56.19. 60 hurdles: 5, M O'Brien, 7.57.43. Pole vault: 1, S Bubka (USSR), 5.80; 2, T Vigneron (Fr), 5.70; 3, P Collet (Fr), 5.70. Women: Long jump: 1, H Rieckie (EG), 6.74m; 2, M Ibu (Rom), 6.65; 3, J Feige (WG), 6.34. 800m: 1, G Lasch (WG), 2:02.96; 2, S Nolte (WG), 2:05.46; 3, U Tusshaus (WG), 2:05.85. 1,500m: 1, Junghiatu (Rom), 4:05.95; 2, E van Hulst (Neth), 4:06.46; 3, V Michalak (WG), 4:06.61. 3,000m: 1, N Fiere-Cooman (Neth), 7.21; 2, E Ashford (US), 7.22; 3, G Siebert (EG), 7.36. Shot: 1, C Losch (WG), 20.47; 2, I Plotzcke (WG), 19.71; 3, L Mishes (Rom), 18.29; 4, J Oakes (GB), 18.12. High jump: 1, S Kostadinova (Bul), 2.01; 2, G Quenz (EG), 2.01; 3, S Beyer (EG), 1.95. 200m: 1, E Kasprzyk (Pol), 22.93; 2, L Leatherwood-King (US), 23.73; 3, C Sussiek (WG), 24.41.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: At Launceston: Tasmania v Victoria: Third day: Victoria 409 for 8 dec and 27 for 1; Tasmania 287 for 5 dec (D Buckingham 103 not out).
ALICE SPRINGS: South Australia v Sri Lanka: One-day game: South Australia 132 for 4 in 39.2 overs (A Hilditch not out 53); Sri Lanka 131. SA won by six wkts.
ALICE SPRINGS: Sri Lanka v Northern Territory Invitation XI: One-day game: Sri Lanka 251 for 5 in 50 overs (A Ranatunga 85, P de Silva 70). Northern Territory Invitation XI 136 all out in 43.3 overs (Ramanayake 4-12). Sri Lanka won by 115 runs.

CYCLING

COPENHAGEN: Copenhagen six-day race: Second day: Top 10 placings: 1, R Hermann (Liech) and H-H Oersted (Den), 144pts. One lap behind: 2, J Worre and J Pedersen (Den), 158; 3, D Clark (Aus) and T Doyle (Eng), 41; Two laps: 4, M Marcussen (Den) and R Guenther (WG), 114; 5, S Tourne and R Illegems (Bel), 59. Four laps: 6, T Rellensmann and M Hissi (WG), 65. Five laps: 7, J Veggerby (Den) and S Hermann (Liech), 224. 10 laps: 8, J Siebby and K Eriksen (Den), 118; 9, M Penc and T Czerny (Cz), 12. 11 laps: 10, J Kristen (WG) and H Lederman (Switz), 90.

FOOTBALL

ENUGU, Nigeria: African Zone final, second leg: Olympic qualifier: Nigeria 2, Algeria 0 (aet).
RABAT: African Zone third round, second leg: Olympic qualifier: Morocco 2, Tunisia 2 (Tunisia won 3-2 on agg).

GOLF

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Phoenix Open: Third round: (US unless stated): 197: D Love, 63, 68, 66. 198: F Couples, 67, 65, 67. 203: D Frost (SA), 67, 66, 70. 204: S Lyle (GB), 68, 68, 68; C Beck, 66, 63, 75. 205: G Morgan, 69, 66, 71; D Barr (Can), 67, 71, 67; K Green, 70, 68, 67; J Carter, 71, 68, 66. 206: T-C Chen (Taiwan), 68, 68, 70; T Purtzer, 68, 70, 68. P Jacobsen, 70, 70, 66, M McCumber, 69, 71, 66.

BOBSLEIGH

CERVINIA: British inter-services championship: 1, Royal Navy and Royal Marines (agg time after 4 runs), 1min 21.91sec; 2, British Army, 1:4:25.58; Royal Air Force did not finish. Individuals: 1, Royal Navy (West and Penhall), 4min 42.80sec; 2, Royal Air Force (Harris and Horler), 4:43.71; 3, Army (Pugh and Urquart), 4:44.39; 4, Royal Navy (McCulloch and Stubbs), 4:46.41
SARAJEVO: European Championship: Four-man contest: 1, C Schebitz, U Hevenig, G Ochfle, L Hieber (WG B), 2mn 30.72sec (50.26, 50.34, 50.12); 2, V Diesrich, H Quemer, R Hanneman, A Kuhn (EG A), 2.31.37 (50.57, 50.20, 50.60); 3, S Globelins, S Morell, U Salszman, C Polsera (Switz A), 2:31.39 (50.32, 50.32, 50.75).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Midford 21, Pilkington 14; West Hull 8, Leigh Miners 8; Wigan St Patrick's 8, Dudley Hill 29.

RUGBY UNION

MIDDLESEX CUP: Quarter-finals: Bank of England 7, Old Merchant Taylors 23; Old Cranleighan 9, Rustlip 7.
SUSSEX CUP: Quarter-final: Worthing 74, Sealord 0
MIDDLESEX COLTS CUP: Semi-final: Staines Cumnington 11, Hayes 7.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Carmel Coll, St Helens 12, Kings Macclesfield 15; Edinburgh Academy 8, Glasgow Academy 10; Hippenhorne GS 13, Emyssedes 4, John Fisher 22, Reigate 7, Merchant Taylors, Crosby 16, Caldy GS 7; Nottingham 0, Pocklington 0; OEH Bristol 13, Llandovery 13; Sedcastes 38, Harrogate GS 0; Stonyhurst 14, Kirkham 7; Uppingham 1, Gresham s 1.
ULSTER SCHOOLS CUP: First round: Armagh GS 0, Wallace HS 22; Ballymena Academy 13, Belfast HS 8; Belfast Royal Academy 20, Limavady GS 0; Annadale GS 0, Omagh Academy 45; Campbell College 11, Ballyclare HS 4; Royal Belfast Academical Institution 3, Methodist College Belfast 14; Down HS 6, Regent House 8, Grosvenor HS 11, Lurgan College 3, Portmoodge House 0, Coleraine Academical Institution 20; Royal School, Dungannon 12, Armargh Royal School 9; Sullivan Upper 8, Portadown College 3; Larne GS 9, Portora RS 0; Banbridge A 0, Foyle and Londonderry College 10

SQUASH RACKETS

PRESTWICH: Inter-county championships: Men: Semi-finals: Lancashire 1, Surrey 4; (Surrey names first): N Sales bt A Davies, 9-10, 9-6, 9-5, 9-6, D Lee bt D Pearson, 9-7, 9-1, 9-1, M Baker bt M Hornby, 9-0, 9-9, 9-7, 9-6; G Hoare bt C McManus, 9-4, 9-2, 7-9, 9-6, G Pearman lost to B Watkins, 6-9, 7-9, 6-9. Yorkshire 3, Essex 2 (Yorkshire names first): M McLean bt J Ransome, 9-3, 9-4, 4-8, 9-7, C Wilstrop lost to C Walker, 4-9, 9-1, 7-9, 10-8, 3-9, J Lilley lost to R Graham, 6-9, 3-9, 0-9; T Salisbury bt D Webb, 9-4, 9-7, 9-4; S Parke bt N Drysdale, 9-1, 9-6, 9-1. Final: Yorkshire 3, Surrey 2 (Yorkshire names first): McLean bt Sales, 9-4, 7-9, 9-6, 9-5, Wilstrop lost to Lee, 2-9, 9-3, 5-9, 5-9; Lilley bt Baker, 9-4, 9-0, 5-9, 9-10 10-9; Salisbury lost to Harris, 7-9, 9-3, 9-6, 9-3; Parke bt Pearman, 9-7, 9-3, 9-2

LUGE

KOENIGSSEE: European championships: Men's game: 1, T Schwalb and W Staudinger (WG), 1min 34.937sec (47.466, 47.471); 2, H Pahl and N Huber (it), 1.35.199 (47.354, 47.845); 3, J Belousow and A Belyakow (USSR), 1:35.375 (47.645, 47.730). Women's single: 1, U Oberhoffner (EG), 1:35.525 (47.537, 47.988), 2, V Bigin (WG), 1:35.610 (47.575, 48.034), 3, C Schmidt (EG), 1:35.827 (47.577, 48.250). Teams: 1, West Germany, 140pts; 2, East Germany, 125; 3, Italy, 125, 4, Soviet Union, 116; 5, Austria, 115; 6, United States 108

NETBALL

DUBLIN: Senior international: England 59, Republic of Ireland 29. Under-18: England 77, Republic of Ireland 15.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Malvern (A Hiscock and D Noon) bt Harrow (C Bridgeman and J Green), 15-7, 7-15, 15-4, 15-7, 15-11.

TENNIS

GUARUJA, Brazil: Guaruja grand prix tournament: Singles: Semi-finals: L Mattar (Br) bt M Wostenholme (Can), 6-3, 6-3; E Teltscher (US) bt D Marcelino (Br), 6-1, 6-4. Final: Mattar bt Teltscher, 6-3, 6-3. Doubles: Final: L Jensen (US) and R Acuna (Chile) bt D Perez (Uru) and J Frana (Arg), 6-1, 6-4.
MATSUYAMA, Japan: Exhibition matches: M Navratilova bt C Evert, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5); S Rehe bt L McNeil, 6-1, 7-5.
FRANKFURT: Exhibition match: I Lendl (Cz) bt B Becker (WG), 6-4, 7-5.
CROYDON: Royal Bank of Scotland 14 and under win

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Repenting at leisure: after being fined £500

Broad's attitude must jeopardize Test place

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Sydney

In a brief statement to the Press yesterday, Chris Broad sent regrets for his Bicentennial brainstorm and today he will pen a note of apology to his Australian hosts. If he then regards the matter as forgiven and forgotten, he is living a dangerous delusion.

If any other player, at any other time, had committed Broad's latest crime – a childish demolition of the stumps on being dismissed – the reaction would still be dismay, disapproval and disciplinary measures. But because it is Broad and because this is the Bicentennial Test match, response is sharpened by other factors.

There is a sense of bewilderment that an otherwise articulate and intelligent man should demean himself and his profession for the second time this winter. There is also a strong feeling that he has let people down; let down both his teammates, who will now be under sterner scrutiny than ever, and the management, which excused his tantrum in Pakistan on grounds of unreasonable provocation.

This time, no such excuse exists. This was a sunny Saturday in Sydney and Broad, with 139 runs to his name, was a hero volunteering for villainy. The frustration of being bowled off his body was a minor irritant but only he was to blame for that.

"I acted on the spur of the moment but there can be no excuse," Broad admitted in his statement. "This has been a very special match and I only hope that what occurred has not detracted from everyone's enjoyment."

Whether it has done that or not, it has assuredly corrupted more impressionable youngsters. Mimicry of idols, their virtues and their failings, is a fact of life in sport and Broad's petulance can only accelerate the spread of an insidious malaise.

On Saturday morning, before play in the Test began, I lingered in a nearby park watching two club sides of teenagers playing an organized match. One youth was dismissed, in no way contentiously, and as he left the field he hurled first his bat and then his gloves towards the bench where his team colleagues sat. Next time, with the benefit of Broad's teaching, he may well flatten the stumps, too.

Broad's instant punishment, a £500 fine, was the maximum available to Peter Lush, the manager, unless he sent the player home. As he had escaped any sentence for a more spectacular misdemeanor in Pakistan, that was hardly an option. To modern, highly-rewarded Test players, however, £500 is little more than loose change; £1,000 might be a greater deterrent.

None of this should be necessary, of course. Raman Subba Row, chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board, was thoroughly disillusioned by what he saw and said pointedly: "We like to treat our players as adults but if they show they cannot behave themselves they should not be selected to play for England."

Mickey Stewart, the team manager, appears to have stressed to Broad that his career is in jeopardy. He explained: "Along with the fine went a rocket and it was spelled out to him that in the future there is no way he can be involved in anything similar, because he would face even sterner action."

Stewart raised many an eyebrow, however, when he added: "It is unfortunate that this has happened to someone who is not a very controversial character.

Superficially, the clean-cut Broad may indeed fulfil such publicity. Sadly, though, his reputation among players is as a batsman who seldom believes he is out. Such reluctance to accept dismissal may help his dedication to run-making but it is directly responsible for the pressures now confronting every England player. The truth is that they are all living under constant scrutiny. Chris Broad, for one, has not reacted well to the public responsibility. He must change his ways before he destroys himself.

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Broad: about to act in haste as he is bowled

Hallett shown no mercy by Davis

By Steve Acteson

Steve Davis was last night homing in on his fourth major title of the season as a chilling display of murderous snooker carried him 7-0 ahead, in a mere 129 minutes, against a bewildered Mike Hallett in the best-of-17-frames Benson and Hedges Masters final at Wembley Conference Centre.

Hallett, aged 28, of Grimsby, who is ranked No. 16 in the world, had earned a place in his first major final by winning a stunning semi-final with John Parrott 6-5 on Saturday while Davis polished off Joe Johnson 6-3.

Hallett's last encounter with Davis left him a dazed 9-3 loser in the Fidelity semi-finals in October, as Davis went on to win his first title of the term. Last night there must have been a nightmarish sense of *déjà vu* for Hallett as Davis set about him once again.

The hapless Hallett levelled the first frame at 55-all after Davis, who recorded a break of more than 40 in every one of the afternoon's frames, had opened with a run of 51. But Hallett then left Davis the chance to fire home a stunning pink before adding the black to open his account.

Davis, aged 30, of Romford, who has won the Masters title only once in seven years, in 1982, followed up with a clearance of 126, the highest break of the tournament so far before a further clearance of 37 made it 3-0. Hallett then squandered two golden chances to break the world champion's monopoly in the fourth frame. He first missed a red into a middle pocket when 42-14 ahead and then, when given the chance to clear from the last red, he missed the yellow.

Davis then swept home successive breaks of 37, 41, 72, 46 and 30 to stand only two frames from the 37th singles title of his career. Hallett was in dire need of finding some of the resilience Dennis Taylor showed in fighting back from 8-0 down to beat Davis in the 1985 world final, and which Higgins showed in recovering from 7-0 behind to topple the world number one in the 1983 United Kingdom championship final.

More likely, however, was the fact that Davis would inflict the 24th whitewash of his career and his second in a final. He beat Taylor 9-0 in the 1981 Jameson International tournament.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: M Hallett (Eng) bt J Parrott (Eng), 6-5. Frame scores (Hallett first): 54-41, 25-70, 84-0, 24-73, 61-54, 51-66, 93-28, 93-0, 28-74, 45-62, 71-65. S Davis (Eng) bt J Johnson (England), 6-3. Frame scores: (Davis first): 48-58, 87-7, 74-22, 42-54, 117-12, 73-16, 68-10, 25-82, 70-39. Final: Davis leads Hallett, 7-0. Frame scores (Davis first): 68-55, 130-0, 87-25, 77-50, 75-20, 99-28, 98-27.

No stopping Liverpool

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Aston Villa	0
Liverpool	2

The admirers of Liverpool can now indulge in another game of prediction. Instead of wondering when or if the seemingly invincible side will be beaten this season, it might be more productive to consider when their apparently impregnable defence might next concede a goal.

They should have been at their most vulnerable yesterday at Villa Park where the noise was so deafening that the players communicated through hand signals. Even though the FA Cup fourth round tie was televised live, the crowd of more than 46,000 was the biggest for a Villa home game for some seven years.

For the intimidating occasion, Kenny Dalglish had to select an unfamiliar left back, Ablett, and employ Nicol for the first time as a central defender. The reshuffle was caused by the absence of Gillespie and Whelan as well as Lawrenson. Liverpool's manager also chose to recall Grobbelaar.

His back four were understandably tentative for the first 20 minutes. It was then, as Graham Taylor conceded, that Villa "should have made the most of our opportunities when we had two crosses which should have been tap-ins".

Once Liverpool had become accustomed to each other, to the lively environment and to their robust opponents, they moved as smoothly as usual towards yet another club record. Only once were they genuinely in danger of failing to complete their ninth successive fixture during which their goalkeeper has remained unbeaten.

Shortly after the hour Daley might have unhinged them. His first attempt was blocked by Venison, his second was parried by Grobbelaar and a third effort, from Gallacher, subsequently struck the referee. Apart from the brief flurry of discomfort, Liverpool's new defence was as sturdy as coiled barbed wire.

The Villa attack was subdued until midway through the first half. Keown, fortunate not to concede a penalty when he brought down Aldridge, and Evans closed the central doors but Barnes, McMahon and Houghton started increasingly to open up the more spacious areas that lay on either side of them.

In a competition famed for its romantic tales, it was appropriate that Barnes should ultimately be responsible for dismantling the challenge of the side being rebuilt by his former manager. "Give him five or 10 seconds," Taylor was later to say, "and he will do something that will turn a game."

His decisive intervention was an unlikely header in the 56th minute. Aldridge had already struck the bar for the second time before Beardsley released Houghton on the right. His cross was floating behind the advancing Barnes, yet he was still able to lean back and nod with enough power to beat Spink.

It was "a great goal" in the opinion of Taylor, who had persuaded Barnes to move from Vicarage Road to Liverpool rather than abroad. "Players of international class, like him and Beardsley, work so hard throughout a game. Even when they were ahead, they never gave us time to rest."

Beardsley completed the last of Liverpool's fluent approaches a few minutes from time when he deflected Aldridge's low cross inside the near post. His strike was watched, among others, by Bobby Robson, who is shortly to announce his England squad for the forthcoming visit to Israel.

ASTON VILLA: N Spink; K Gage, B Gallacher, A Gray, A Evans, M Keown, P Birch, M Lillis, G Thompson, A Daley (subs; W Aspinall), A McInally.
LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; G Ablett, B Venison, S Nicol, N Spackman, A Hansen, P Beardsley, J Aldridge, R Houghton, J Barnes, S McMahon.
Referee: K Hackett.



Flying high: Barnes celebrates his headed goal that gave Liverpool the lead at Villa Park

Westner wins while Darcy is disqualified

Durban (AFP) – Wayne Westner, of South Africa, who took the lead on Saturday in the third round, shot a final round of 71 yesterday to win the R150,000 (£43,000) Sunshine Circuit South African Open golf championship here with 13-under-par total of 275.

Ian Mosey, of England, was runner-up with 277, after a final round of 71.

But this last round was marred by the disqualification of four players, Eamonn Darcy, of Ireland, and David Feherty, of Britain, and Chris Anderson and Dean Prange, of the United States, who failed to turn up on time on the first tee.

Darcy, leader for the first two rounds, was sharing third place overnight, only two strokes behind Westner.

The mix-up was apparently caused by a decision to start play almost three hours earlier than usual at the request of the South African Broadcasting Corporation Television (SABC-TV), which broadcast the last round live.

A distressed Darcy said PGA Executive Director, Jimmy Hemphill, telephoned him in his hotel room at 9.50 am to remind him that he was supposed to tee off at 9.51. "I was just sitting in my hotel room, twiddling my thumbs," Darcy said.

"It was my fault for not checking my tee-off time, but it is still a terrible disappointment," he added.

The Irishman took the lead in the first round with a astonishing eight-under-par, 64. Feherty, winner of the Lexington PGA last week, said he was five minutes late for his tee-off time. The two Americans did not even show up.

Westner had not won a tournament since 1983, his rookie year.

FINAL SCORES: 275: W Westner (SA), 69, 70, 65, 71. 277: I Mosey (GB), 71, 65, 66, 71. 280: R Kaplan (SA), 74, 70, 69, 67; T Johnstone (Zim), 75, 65, 68, 68; D Durnian (GB), 68, 70, 67, 75. 281: M McKenzie (GB), 72, 70, 71, 68; J Bland (SA), 72, 69, 67, 73. 283: C Moody (GB), 73, 74, 64, 72; D James (SA), 68, 72, 69, 74; C Cooper (US), 68, 71, 68, 76.

● PALM MEADOWS: Greg Norman, of Australia, eased to a one-shot victory in the Palm Meadows Gold Cup yesterday (Reuter reports).

LEADING FINAL SCORES: (Australian unless stated): 272: G Norman, 69, 66, 67, 70. 273: T Ozaki (Japan), 69, 72, 65, 68. 274: B Langer (WG), 70, 68, 67, 69. 276: R Mackay, 65, 70, 67, 73; D Tenis (US), 69, 67, 70, 70. 277: A Forsbrand, 71, 69, 67, 71; M O'Meara (US), 69, 71, 68, 71. 279: H Mashiai (Japan), 72, 70, 67, 70; M Kuramoto (Japan), 71, 69, 67, 72. Other British scores: 280: G Brand Jnr, 68, 70, 67, 75. 281: R Rafferty, 68, 76, 69, 68; I Woosnam, 71, 68, 69, 74.

A merry dance by wayward Lyle

From John Ballantine, Phoenix

Sandy Lyle scored a third successive 68 and was in joint fourth place at the start of the last round of the Phoenix Open yesterday. Davis Love, of North Carolina, who is undoubtedly one of the coming players, led on a 16-under-par 197, two strokes ahead of Fred Couples, with David Frost, of South Africa, one more adrift.

Then came Lyle and Chip Beck, another North Carolinian, together on 204, with Ken Brown, who put together a hard-won 70 on Saturday, sharing fourteenth position.

Lyle had one of those days, not too uncommon with him, when his game suspends somewhere between sublime and ridiculous and for those of the record 71,000 crowd who followed him (not to mention his partners, Ben Crenshaw and Larry Nelson), he provided some great entertainment, especially at the end.

He holed from five yards for a birdie on the first green, and although he dropped a shot by missing the third, he went back to eight under with a putt of nine feet on the fourth. Another stroke went astray in the rough behind the sixth green but, with a nine iron to four feet at the eighth and a 20-yard putt which stopped on the very front lip at the ninth, he was out in 33.

He missed an eight-footer at the 10th and after hitting his tee shot with a three wood into a bunker lost another shot at the 11th. This kind of birdie-one over-birdie foxtrot is much to the taste of the extrovert Americans, but the best was yet to come.

The 501-yard 15th carries a special prize of $15,000 (about £8,400) from a local bank to the player who hits his second nearest to the flag on the last two rounds. Lyle's five iron sailed straight over the stick and came to rest 12 yards away, not the place one would have thought from which the Scot would obtain a birdie. Lyle sent his putt straight into the cup to the roar of the delighted gallery and now he was 10 under and threatening the leaders.

At the 438-yard 18th, he over hit his drive and the ball sailed diagonally across the fairway and ran into the lake. This lost shot made all the difference to his chances of winning outright; seven strokes behind Love was probably too big a margin.

LEADERS: 197: D Love, 63, 68, 66. 199: F Couples, 67, 65, 67. 203: D Frost (SA), 67, 66, 70. 204: S Lyle (GB), 68, 68, 68; C Beck, 68, 69, 75. Other British: 207: K Brown, 68, 71, 70.

Colt for Dancing Brave

Dancing Brave became a father for the first time on Saturday night when Lady Moon foaled at the Aston Upthorpe Stud in Oxfordshire.

The foal, a bay colt, was 11 days overdue but the birth went smoothly. "She was a good mum and they're both doing well," Frank Berry, the stud groom, said yesterday. "He's a good strong attractive foal with a star and weighed 135lb at birth."

Dancing Brave is making a good recovery from Marie's Disease, which he contracted in the autumn, and has a full programme of mares to cover later this year.

Lady Moon only narrowly won the race to produce Dancing Brave's first offspring as Brocade, also in foal to the 1986 champion racehorse of Europe, was close to delivery late last night at Eydon Hall Stud in Northamptonshire.

British police may escort travelling supporters

By Ian Stafford

British police may be asked to to supervise England football supporters during the European Championship finals in Germany this summer. Talks are to be held soon between police officials from both countries following the visit of six senior West German police officers to the FA Cup tie between Queen's Park Rangers and West Ham United on Saturday.

Rolf Mai, spokesman for the delegation, said: "We would like British officers in Germany to point out any troublemakers and talk with English supporters in their own language during the championships."

The German officers, who were at Loftus Road to gather first-hand knowledge of English football supporters and crowd-control methods, returned home yesterday impressed with the way their English counterparts had acted.

The match was interrupted after just 17 minutes of play when overcrowding at one end of the ground saw spectators spill onto the pitch and halt proceedings for more than an hour. Although it was feared initially that the match would have to be abandoned, room was finally found in areas reserved for Queens Park Rangers supporters. The gate of over 23,000 was boosted by 400 extra visiting supporters, admitted on police permission, and nearly 800 with counterfeit tickets.

"We were very impressed by the discipline shown by your police and by the supporters," Mai said. "We have formed a good impression and if your supporters behave like this in Germany, then there will be peaceful matches. But the problems we have seen here will not occur in Germany because there will be no counterfeiting of tickets and no fences round the ground."

But Chief Superintendent Michael Briggs, the officer in charge at Loftus Road, attacked the Government's membership scheme policy. He said: "One end of the ground was half full and the other packed to capacity. I would like the FA to look at their scheme and talk to the Government based on our experience on Saturday."

Devereux doubt for Wales

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

John Devereux, the Bridgend centre who broke the little finger of his left hand playing against Maesteg on Saturday, will attend Welsh training at Swansea this evening hoping that he will still be able to play against England at Twickenham on Saturday.

An X-ray showed a crack down the length of the finger in only Devereux's first senior game of the season but, if his handling is not impaired, he may be able to play with the injury taped. Otherwise, I presume Ring, the Pontypool stand-off half, will be promoted from the bench.

Bath, the John Player Special Cup holders, will be without Redman, the England B lock, for their fourth round Cup tie against Leicester on February 13. Redman broke one rib and cracked another during his club's game at Lichfield on Saturday.

England, preparing for Saturday's international, had a productive morning behind closed doors at Twickenham yesterday with only Melville of the match squad unable to take a full part. He was favouring an ankle turned during Wasps' game against Aspatria on January 23 but there is no doubt about his fitness to play against Wales.

● John Rutherford, Scotland's World Cup stand-off who retired recently with a knee injury, answered a call to help the international side yesterday in their preparations for Saturday's match against France at Murrayfield. He spent much of the time working on the kicking and general tactical play of his successor, Richard Cramb.

"We invited John to come along and pass on some of the lessons he learned from his long experience in the game," Robin Charters, chairman of the selectors, said.

Two players were missing from the three-hour work-out: Norrie Rowan, tight head prop, had flu and his replacement, Alex Brewster, had a head cut. In view of this, the forwards will have an extra practice at Murrayfield on Wednesday evening.

● Nigel Carr played his first game of competitive rugby on Saturday – helping Ards beat Waterpark 14-3 – since the injuries he received early last year in a terrorist bomb explosion (George Ace writes). "I am a bit stiff but it is a wonderful to have got through the 80 minutes with no serious discomfort," he said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Plea rejected

Haegendorf, Switzerland, (Reuter) – The Danish cyclist, Kim Andersen, banned from racing for life after three positive drugs tests, has failed in an attempt to have the ban reconsidered.

Briton wins

Shozawa, Japan, (AFP) – Britain's world champion, Graham Wilkie, was declared winner of the first leg of the inaugural World Cup speed skiing series here yesterday with a speed of 149.316 kilometres (93.325 miles) per hour over a 100-metre stretch.

Rugby casualty

The London Irish lock, Andy Miller, is in intensive care in the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport after suffering a broken jaw during his side's 35-18 defeat at Pontypool.

Boon ahead

William Boone beat Neil Smith 15-11, 15-12, 15-3, 15-1, in the first leg of the world rackets championship eliminator at Queen's Club on Saturday, where the first two games were of spectacularly high quality.

Record goes

David Clarke (Hercules Wimbledon) who is aiming for selection for Britain's Olympic Marathon team, broke the course record by 52 seconds when winning the Canterbury 10-mile road race

Money gap

The two sides are about $1 million apart in negotiations for a Mike Tyson-Michael Spinks world heavyweight title bout, Spinks's adviser, Butch Lewis, said yesterday.

Lewis loses

Stuttgart (Reuter) – Carl Lewis, preparing for the defence of his four gold medals at the Seoul Olympics this year, was well beaten by a fellow-American, James Butler (20.68sec), in the 200 metres at the World Meeting indoor event yesterday.

No change

Vienna (Reuter) – West Germany retained their European indoor hockey title yesterday. France took second place, and Austria edged out Scotland and Poland for third on goal difference.

McMinn signs

Derby County completed the £300,000 signing of the former Rangers winger, Ted McMinn, from Seville yesterday.

Jansher's golden prize

From Colin McQuillan, Antwerp

Jansher Khan, having taken over Ross Norman's world championship title in October and Jahangir Khan's world No. 1 ranking in December, yesterday concluded January by depriving Norman of the £25,000 diamond-studded golden ball that forms the heart of the Belgian squash trophy.

Jansher, aged 18 and from Pakistan, defeated Norman, aged 29, and from New Zealand, 8-10 9-4 9-0 9-0 in 75 minutes at Antwerp. It was his eleventh grand prix win of the season.

For an extended period at the start of yesterday's final, it seemed Norman might overcome this stick-thin boy with the physical reserves of a mountain giant. The wiry New Zealander took the 33-minute first game by the narrowest of margins firing pinpoint attacking shots into patient rallies and hoisting tantalizing lobs whenever under pressure in the front court.

He kept the initiative leading to 4-4 in the second game, but then his aggression flagged slightly and Jansher struck like a waiting cobra. "He seems to keep a gear in hand until he senses you are tiring, then he raises the pace," Norman said. "I could not stay with him as I have done in other matches."

The second game lasted 25 minutes, the third nine minutes, and the fourth just three minutes.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt P Kamyon (England), 9-1 9-2 9-6; R Norman (NZ) bt B Martin (Aus), 9-8 9-6 9-3. Final: Jansher Khan bt Norman, 8-10 9-4 9-0 9-0.

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